

**Concordant Version
of the
Old Testament**



THE BOOK OF PSALMS

A WORD ABOUT THIS VERSION

"ALL SCRIPTURE is inspired by God, and is beneficial for teaching, for exposure, for correction, for discipline in righteousness, that the man of God may be equipped, fitted out for every good act" (2 Tim.3:16,17). It has been with a similar regard for the Scriptures that translators have labored through the years to render the original writings into their native tongue.

What we call the "Old Testament" was written through an extended period of time several thousand years ago. The task of conveying the original thoughts into English is a difficult one. In these installments of the CONCORDANT VERSION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT (CVOT) an endeavor has been made to be consistent in rendering Hebrew words into English. Whenever possible a Hebrew term is uniformly translated by one English equivalent. But even in those instances where this is impossible (mainly due to differences in Hebrew and English idiom) the several English words used for one particular Hebrew word are generally not used for any other Hebrew term.

We learn the meaning of words from their usages in the contexts in which we find them. Discordant renderings give nebulous or false meaning, thus leading the reader unwittingly into error. The Concordant method practically compels the use of the nearest English equivalent, for it is the only word which can satisfy all the contexts, and is not needed for any other Hebrew word.

In addition to the Hebrew Masoretic manuscripts, we have used the Greek translations of the Septuagint (and of Theodotion in Daniel), the Syriac, the Samaritan Pentateuch, the Qumran "Dead Sea Scrolls" and other manuscripts in order to restore the original Hebrew Text wherever possible. The source of any rendering other than Masoretic is indicated by special symbols.



ABBREVIATION KEY

Sources of Variant Reading

~ — ~	Conjecture
— ~	
⁷ — ⁰	Septuagint (LXX)
⁷ —	
^M —	Other manuscripts
— ^s	
^Q —	Qumran
^S —	Samaritan
— ⁿ	
^S — ^{ph}	Altered by Sopherim
^{Sy} — ^c	Syriac
— ^c	

examples of combinations

~ — ~	Conjecture
⁷ — ~	Conjecture confirmed by Septuagint (LXX)
⁷ — ~ ^c	Conjecture confirmed by LXX and Syriac
^Q — ~	Conjecture confirmed by Qumran
⁷ — ⁰	Insertion from LXX
⁷ — ^c	LXX and Syriac
⁷ — ^{cs}	LXX, Syriac, and other manuscripts
⁷ — ^Q	LXX and Qumran
^M — ^{cs}	Other manuscripts and Syriac

Grammatical Signs

=	dual or plural
ˆ	Hebrew particle ath
ˆ	emphatic pronoun, or noun in emphatic position
ˆ —	incomplete verb
— ˆ	participle
ˆ —	complete verb
— ˆ	infinitive

Word Indicators

ˆ	the	^{mr}	moreover
ˆ	to or for	^{mt}	mortals
+	and	ⁿ	note
^a	any	^{nr}	near
^{ad}	adult-male	^p	pass
^{af}	after	^{pl}	place
^b	become	^{pr}	pray
^{bd}	behold	^r	remembrance
^{bf}	before	^s	same
^{bk}	back	^{sa}	say
^{bt}	between	^{sc}	sacrifice
^c	cause	^{sp}	speak
^d	do	st	station
— ^d —	ward	^{no}	not
^{du}	duration	^t	that
^f	from	^u	under
^{fr}	further	^w	which
^g	give	^{wi}	with
^h	human	^{wt}	what
ⁱ	in	^y	yea
^m	make	^{yr}	year

Footnote Abbreviations

ˆ	footnote symbol in text
Hb	Standard Hebrew Text
LXX	Septuagint
Ms	Manuscript(s)
MT	Masoretic Text (used for distinctions in the vowel pointings)
lit.	literally

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INTRODUCTION

ALTHOUGH the word "Psalm" appears in the titles of many of the individual pieces, the Hebrew word traditionally used as a title for the whole collection is the plural form of the word *praise* (*cf* the heading of Psalm 145). Yet in the ancient Greek translation and in New Testament references to this collection the word "Psalms" is used.

As a member of the word family, IRRADIATE, the term "Praises" signifies the irradiation of the glory of Yahweh. Surely "Praises" is a most suitable title for these prayers and hymns. Worship is its keynote, the Kingdom glories are its inspiration, the chosen nation is its theme. Yahweh's dealings with His earthly saints and their experiences of His mercy and justice provoke the praise of His great Name.

The term "Psalms," however, is also appropriate, for it means "melodies," as rendered, for example, in Psalm 81:2, "Lift up a melody . . ." Yet the melody is not confined to singing but rather is directed to the thought being expressed in poetic form and its impression on the mind.

FIVE SCROLLS

The collection is divided into five books or scrolls, so that there is a correspondence to the five books with which the Scriptures begin. By this we see that there was a great regard for the origin of Israel, and Yahweh's choice and calling of them.

The five divisions are as follows (as numbered at present):

1. The Scroll of the Beginning (Psalms 1-41)
2. The Scroll of the Names (Psalms 42-72)
3. The Scroll of the Calling (Psalms 73-89)
4. The Scroll of the Wilderness (Psalms 90-106)
5. The Scroll of the Words (Psalms 107-150)

THE CONCORDANT VERSION

This *Concordant Version of the Psalms* endeavors to follow a pattern of consistency in translating the Hebrew words and thoughts of the Original. Hence there has been an effort to avoid the use of any English term for more than one Hebrew term, even though several English words may be required to do duty for a single Hebrew term. Boldface and lightface type, superior symbols and abbreviations and footnotes are all used to clarify the meaning or to represent some unique features that are otherwise difficult to express in English.

Boldface type is used for words (or parts of words) having exact counterparts in the Hebrew. The regular, lightface type is used for words (or parts of words) which have been added to help express the Hebrew thought in more idiomatic English.

Symbols and abbreviations are used to indicate variant readings in the various Hebrew manuscripts or ancient Versions or to provide more complete information concerning the literal expressions in the Hebrew. These symbols and abbreviations are identified on the inside covers of this book.

VARIANT READINGS

The variant readings used in the text of this translation are always based on the reconstructed Hebrew indicated by the ancient Versions, Hebrew manuscripts other than the traditional Masoretic Text, or contextual evidence. For example, the words “⁷are withdrawn^{cs}” in Psalm 10:5 render the Hebrew verb that was obviously seen by the translators of the Septuagint (7-) and Syriac (-c) Versions; furthermore, as indicated by the ~ symbol, the Hebrew word appearing in the Masoretic Text (*high*) is similar in appearance to the Hebrew term for *are withdrawn*. In

addition, the Hebrew verb *withdraw* accords with the special acrostic form of Psalm 10 (in combination with Psalm 9), while the Hebrew word for *high* does not.

Evidence from the Dead Sea Scrolls (Q=Qumran) has helped confirm a few emendations in the Psalms. In Psalms 18:35 we have used the word *help* rather than *humility* on the basis of the Dead Sea Scrolls. This is supported also by the similarity between the Hebrew words for *help* and *humility* and by the parallel thought of "help" with the words "salvation" and "braced" in the previous lines.

A special case is the restoration of the divine Name *Yahweh* where the Masoretic Text has "my Lord," a total of 48 times in the Psalms. These are passages where, according to markings in the ancient manuscripts, the "Sopherim," or guardians of the text, substituted the more general term "my Lord" for the divine Name, out of a fear of misusing the Name in a tone of irreverence. These uses of *Yahweh* are marked with the superior letters *S-ph* as in the second line of Psalm 2:4, and no footnote is provided.

FOOTNOTES

Emendations which replace readings in the Masoretic Text or are supported by special evidence within the text are repeated in footnotes along with a translation of the traditional reading or explanation for the emendation. Usually the traditional wording is introduced by the abbreviation "Hb," which indicates that the emended word or words are similar in Hebrew spelling to the terms appearing in the Masoretic Text. Sometimes, however, as in the footnote to Psalm 17:3, the abbreviation "MT" is used to indicate the traditional reading. This shows that the emended Hebrew and traditional reading are exactly the same except for the "pointings" inserted in the Masoretic Text.

EMPHASIS

Pronouns in Hebrew are expressed by distinct endings to the regular verbs, but sometimes they are included as separate words as well. In such cases there is probably an intention of emphasis on the pronoun, and this is indicated by an accent mark following the pronoun (as in the first line of Psalm 2:6) or by repeating the pronoun (as done with the words “me, I” in the first line of Psalm 3:5).

The normal word order in a Hebrew thought is verb-subject rather than subject-verb as in English. Hence, in the less usual pattern, when the subject occurs before the verb in Hebrew, a certain measure of emphasis is laid on the subject. Often this is shown by inserting the appropriate pronoun immediately after such a noun, as in the second line of Psalm 2:4, where the CV begins with “Yahweh, He . . .” This tells the reader that the Hebrew lays emphasis on the subject, “Yahweh.”

The unusual addition of the Hebrew letter *hê* to certain verb forms suggests an intensity of feeling that is difficult to express in English. Especially in the case of imperatives this is usually indicated in the CV by the addition of the lightface word “do” as in Psalm 3:7, “Do arise, O Yahweh!”

HEADINGS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

One feature of the *Concordant Version of the Psalms* that differs from most translations is the placing of portions of certain psalm headings at the end of the previous psalm. For instance, the words rendered “To the Chief Musician on Neginoth” at the beginning of Psalm 4 in the Authorized Version, are placed at the end of Psalm 3 and rendered “Permanent, With Accompaniments” in our translation. This accords with the structure of the prayer psalm of Habakkuk 3, which closes with the same terms now placed in the CV at the end of Psalm 3.

PSALMS

SCROLL ONE

- 1 Happy is the man who does not walk
in the counsel of the wicked,
+ Who neither stands in the way of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of mockers'.
2 But rather his delight is in the law of Yahweh,
And he is soliloquizing ⁱfrom His law by day and night.
3 +So he comes to be like a tree transplanted'
^{on}by rillets of water,
^wThat ^gyields its fruit in its season,
And its leaf does not 'decay;
+Hence all ^wthat he 'does shall prosper.
4 Not so the wicked,
But rather they are like the trash
^wthat the wind 'whisks away.
5 Therefore, the wicked shall not rise up in judgment,
+Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For Yahweh is knowing the way of the righteous,
+Yet the way of the wicked, it shall perish.
- 2 Why are the nations ⁷perturbed~?
And why do the national groups'mumble empty phrases?
2 The kings of the earth are standing by,
And the chancellors' are ⁷gathered~ together
^{on}Against Yahweh and ^{on}against His Anointed, saying,
3 Let us pull away 'their bonds,
And let us fling off their ropes from us.
4 The One sitting in the heavens, He shall ridicule;
^sYahweh^{ph}, He shall deride ' them.
5 Then He shall speak to them in His anger,

2:1 7-- perturbed: Hb foregathered.

2:2 7-- gathered: Hb in deliberation.

- And in His hot anger He shall ^mfill them with panic, saying,
 6 + I will pour a libation on My King,
 On Zion, My holy mountain.
 7 Let me recount ' the statute of Yahweh:
 He has said to Me,
 My Son are You;
 I, today, have begotten You.
 8 Ask ^fof Me,
 And I will 'give the nations as Your allotment,
 And as Your holding, the limits of the earth.
 9 You shall smash them 'with a club of iron;
 Like a vessel of a potter', You shall shatter them.
 10 And now, O kings, be intelligent;
 Be admonished, ⁷all's judges' of the earth;
 11 Serve 'Yahweh 'with fear,
 And exult 'with quivering.
 12 ⁷Bear admonition~ lest He should be 'angry,
 And you should perish in the way,
 For His anger shall consume speedily.
 Happy are all those taking refuge in Him.

A Davidic Psalm

'When he ran away' from the face of Absalom his son.

- 3 O Yahweh, ^whow my foes do multiply!
 Many are those rising ^{on}against me.
 2 Many are those saying to my soul,
 There is no salvation for him in ⁷his^o Elohim.

Interlude

- 3 +Yet You, O Yahweh, have been a Shield about me,
 My Glory, and the One raising up my head.
 4 When I 'called to Yahweh with my voice,
 +Then He 'answered me from His holy mountain.

Interlude

- 5 As for me, I will lie down +that I may sleep;
 I will awake, for Yahweh, He shall support me.
 6 I shall not fear ^fmyriads of people

Who are set ^{on}against me, round about.

- 7 Do arise, O Yahweh
Save me, my Elohim!
For You will smite 'all my enemies' on the cheek;
You will break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 To Yahweh belongs the salvation;
On Your people be Your blessing!

Interlude

'Permanent', 'With Accompaniments

A Davidic Psalm

- 4 'When I called', 'He answered' me,
Elohim of my righteousness;
In my distress, You 'made a wideness for me;
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 Sons of man, ^w'how ^f'long,
turning my glory into mortification,
Shall you love empty words and seek after a lie?

Interlude

- 3 +Now know that Yahweh has distinguished
the benign one for Himself;
Yahweh, He shall hear 'when I call' to Him.
- 4 Be astounded, +yet do not 'sin;
^{sa}Commune in your heart on your bed,
And be still.

Interlude

- 5 Sacrifice the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust 'in Yahweh.
- 6 Many are saying, Shall anyone show us good?
Lift up the light of Your countenance over us, O Yahweh.
- 7 You have ^splaced rejoicing in my heart,
More ^f'than in the season
when their grain and their grape juice multiplied.
- 8 Let me lie down and sleep in peace at once.
For You', O Yahweh, 'alone are causing me
to dwell in serenity.

'Permanent', 'Concerning the Allotments

A Davidic Psalm

- 5 To my sayings do ^cgive ear, O Yahweh!
Do understand my soliloquy!
- 2 Do attend to the sound of my imploring,
O my King and my Elohim!
For I am praying to You, O Yahweh. ^o
- 3 In the morning You shall hear my voice;
In the morning I shall arrange for You and watch.
- 4 For You are not an El Whose delight is in wickedness;
Evil may not sojourn with You.
- 5 No ^tboasters^l may ^sset themselves up
in front of Your eyes;
You hate all contrivers^l of lawlessness;
- 6 You shall destroy ⁷all^s those speaking a lie.
Yahweh ^labhors a man of bloodshed and deceit.
- 7 ⁺As for me, in the vastness of Your benignity
I shall enter Your House;
I shall worship toward Your holy Temple
in devout fear of You.
- 6 O Yahweh, guide me in Your righteousness
on account of those who lie in wait^l for me.
Straighten Your way before me.
- 9 For there is nothing established^l in ⁷their^{-cs} mouth;
Within them are woes;
A sepulcher opened^l is their throat;
With their tongue they ^cdeal ^lslickly.
- 10 ^cConvict them of guilt, O Elohim;
Let them fall ^lby their own counsels,
⁷And^o in the multitude of their transgressions,
expel them,
For they have rebelled ^lagainst You.
- 11 ⁺But all those taking refuge in You shall rejoice;
They shall be jubilant for the eon.
⁺ You shall overshadow ^{on} them,
And those loving Your Name shall be glad in You.

5:2 Yahweh: MT has Yahweh placed at the beginning of the next line; LXX has it here.
5:9 7-^{-cs} their: Hb his.

- 12 For You¹ shall bless the righteous one, O Yahweh;
 Like a large shield, You shall encircle him with benevolence.
¹ Permanent¹, ¹With Accompaniments on the Octave

A Davidic Psalm

- 6 O Yahweh, do not ¹correct me in Your anger,
 And do not ¹discipline me in Your fury.
 2 Be gracious to me, O Yahweh, for I am feeble;
 Heal me, O Yahweh, for my bones^o are flustered,
 3 And my soul, it is flustered exceedingly.
⁺But You, O Yahweh, how ^rlong?
 4 Do return, O Yahweh! Do extricate my soul!
 Save me on account of Your benignity.
 5 For in death there is no remembrance of You;
 In the unseen, ^awho shall acclaim ¹You?
 6 I am weary ¹with my sighing;
¹Through all the night I ¹inundate my couch;
 I ¹saturate my cot ¹with my tears.
 7 My eye is exhausted from vexation;
 It shifts about ¹because of all my foes¹.
 8 Withdraw from me, all contrivers¹ of lawlessness,
 For Yahweh has heard the sound of my lamenting.
 9 Yahweh has heard my supplication;
 Yahweh, He is taking my prayer.
 10 May all my enemies¹ be ashamed and exceedingly flustered.
 May they turn back and be ashamed in a moment.

Overtaking

Davidic

Which he sang unto Yahweh ^{on}concerning the words of
 Cush, a Benjamite.

- 7 O Yahweh my Elohim, I take refuge in You;
 Save me from all those pursuing me, and rescue me!
 2 Lest he should tear my soul to pieces like a lion,
 Tearing it off ⁺while there is no rescuer¹.

- 3 O Yahweh my Elohim, if I have done this,
If there is iniquity in my palms,
- 4 If I have requited evil to one at peace¹ with me —
+ I, who ¹pulled off valueless spoils from my foe¹⁰ —
- 5 May the enemy¹ pursue my soul and overtake it,
+ May he tramp my life into the earth,
And may he cause my glory to tabernacle ¹in the soil.

Interlude

- 6 Do arise, O Yahweh, in Your anger,
Lift up Yourself ¹against the rages of my foes¹;
+ Do rouse for me the judgment You have determined.
- 7 + So the congregation of the national groups
shall surround You;
+ Therefore on its account, do return to the height.
- 8 Yahweh, He shall adjudicate the peoples;
Judge me, O Yahweh, according to my righteousness,
And according to my integrity, ~O Supreme~.
- 9 ^{pr}O let the evil of the wicked reach an end,
And may You establish the righteous one,
+ Testing the hearts and innermost being,⁹
O righteous Elohim.
- 10 My shield is settled on Elohim,
Who is saving the ~upright of heart.
- 11 Elohim is the righteous Judge¹,
+ Yet El is indignant¹ over the wicked one ¹every day;
- 12 If he does not ¹turn back, He shall hone His sword;
He has positioned His bow and is preparing it.
- 13 + So He has prepared for him the instruments of death;
He ¹makes His arrows ¹flaring ones.
- 14 Behold, he shall be cramped with lawlessness,
And he will become pregnant with toil,
And he will generate falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a crypt and ¹delled it deep.
+ Yet he shall fall into the grave he has ¹made.
- 16 His toil shall turn back ¹upon his head,

7:4 + I... foe¹: cf 1 S 24:4-7; 26:11.

7:8 ~-~ O Supreme: MT on me.

7:9 innermost being: lit., kidneys.

And his wrong shall descend on his scalp.

- 17 I shall acclaim Yahweh according to His righteousness,
And I shall make melody to the Name of Yahweh Supreme.
 ' Permanent', On the Winetrough

A Davidic Psalm

- 8 O Yahweh our Lord,
 ^{w†}How noble is Your Name in all the earth,
 You Whose splendor ⁷is ⁸bestowed^{~c} on the heavens.
2 From the mouth of the unweaned and sucklings[†]
 You have founded strength on account of Your foes[†],
 To cause the enemy[†] and avenger[†] to cease.
3 'When I 'see Your heavens, the ^dworks of Your fingers,
 The moon and stars which You have established,
4 What is a mortal that You are 'mindful of him,
 + Or a son of mankind that You are visiting him?
5 + You make him 'lack a little /of ⁷the messengers[~],
 And with glory and honor You 'crown him.
6 You ^cgive him the 'rule ⁱover the ^dworks of Your hands;
 All have You set under his feet:
7 Flocks and domestic animals, all of them,
 And beasts of the field ^{mr}as well,
8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
 Crossing the paths of the seas.
9 O Yahweh our Lord,
 ^{w†}How noble is Your Name in all the earth.
 ' Permanent', ~The Eons~ 'of the Son

A Davidic Psalm

- 9 I shall acclaim ⁷You⁰, O Yahweh, ⁱwith all my heart;
 I will 'recount all Your marvelous[†] works.
2 I will 'rejoice and be 'glad in You;
 I will make 'melody to Your Name, O Supreme.
3 'When my enemies[†] are reversed[~] ^{a†}backward,

8:1 7--c is ⁸bestowed: Hb do ⁸bestow [imperative].

8:5 7-- the messengers: Hb Elohim.

8:9 ~- The Eons: Hb On the Death.

- They shall stumble and perish from Your presence,
 4 For You ^dexecute my judgment and my adjudication;
 You are seated 'on the throne, judging righteously.
 5 You rebuke the nations; You destroy the wicked;
 You wipe out their name for the eon and further.
 6 As for the enemy', they will come to end
 'like permanent deserts,
 And You will eliminate their cities;
 their remembrance will perish with them.
 7 +Yet Yahweh, He shall sit enthroned for the eon;
 He will establish His throne for judgment,
 8 And He' shall judge the habitation 'with justice;
 He shall adjudicate the national groups 'with equity.
 9 + Yahweh shall become an Impregnable Retreat
 for the crushed,
 An Impregnable Retreat for seasons 'of distress.
 10 +So those knowing Your Name shall trust in You,
 For You do not forsake those seeking after You, O Yahweh.
 11 Make melody to Yahweh, the One dwelling in Zion;
 Tell His activities 'among the peoples.
 12 For the One seeking after bloodshed,
 He remembers 'them;
 He does not forget the cry of the humbled ones.
 13 Be gracious to me, O Yahweh;
 See my humiliation from those hating me;
 You are raising me up from the gateways of death,
 14 That I may 'recount all Your praises
 In the gateways of the daughter of Zion;
 Let me exult in Your salvation.
 15 The nations are sunk in the grave they have ^dmade;
 Their foot is seized in the net that they have buried.
 16 Yahweh is known by the judgment He ^dexecutes;
 The wicked are trapped' 'by the deed of His palms.
 Chant, Interlude
 17 The wicked shall return to the unseen,
 All the nations, forgetful of Elohim.
 18 For the needy one shall not be forgotten ' permanently;
 The expectation of the humbled shall ⁷not^{cs} perish
 for the future.

- 19 Do arise, O Yahweh, let not a mortal ¹prevail;
 Let the nations be judged ^{on}at Your presence.
 20 Do set fear ¹before them, O Yahweh;
 Let the nations know they are mortal.

Interlude

- 10 Why are You standing ⁱ far off, O Yahweh?
 Why are You obscuring Yourself ¹in seasons ⁱof distress?
 2 In his pride, the wicked one is dashing after the humble;
 Let them be grabbed in the schemes that they have devised.
 3 For the wicked one boasts over the lusting of his soul,
 And the greedy¹ one scorns,
 Yea, he spurns Yahweh:
 4 ^MIn^{~c} his haughty anger the wicked one
 is not inquiring at all.
 There is no Elohim in all his schemes;
 5 His ways are profane in every season.
 Your judgments ⁷are withdrawn^{~c} from in front of him;
 All his foes¹—he ¹puffs ⁱat them.
 6 He says in his heart, I shall not slip at all;
 For generation ⁺after generation, ^wI shall not be in peril.
 7 His mouth is full of imprecation, ⁺with deceit and fraud;
 Under his tongue are misery and lawlessness.
 8 He ¹sits in ambush in the hamlets;
 In places of concealment he ¹kills the innocent;
 His eyes ¹lurk for the pauper.
 9 He waits in ¹ambush in concealment like a lion in its covert;
 He waits in ¹ambush to kidnap the humble;
 He ¹kidnaps the humble ⁱby drawing⁷ him into his net.
 10 [~]The distressed¹ one[~] is crushed and ¹bows down,
 And the army of paupers falls prey ⁱto his staunch ones.
 11 He says in his heart, El has forgotten;
 He has concealed His face;
 He will not see at all, ⁷permanently.
 12 Do arise, O Yahweh!

10:4 M-~c In: Hb As.

10:5 7-~c are withdrawn: Hb are high.

10:10 --- The distressed¹ one: conjectured insertion to fill in the acrostic.

- O El, lift up Your hand!
Do not 'forget the humble.
- 13 On what grounds does the wicked one spurn Elohim?
He says in his heart that You shall not inquire.
- 14 You see, 'indeed You, the toil and vexation;
You shall look to ^aplace it into Your hand.
^{on}Unto You, the pauper shall entrust himself;
You' ^bare the One helping the orphan.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil one;
May You inquire into his wickedness until You 'find no more.
- 16 Yahweh is King ⁷for^{cs} the eon and further.
The nations will perish from His land.
- 17 You hear the yearning of the humble, O Yahweh;
You shall establish their heart;
Your ear shall attend,
- 18 To redress the orphan and the crushed.
A mortal ^fof the earth shall not continue at all
to terrify any ^{fr}more.
' Permanent'

A Davidic ⁷Psalm^s

- 11 In Yahweh I take refuge;
How are you saying to my soul,
Soar ⁷like~ a bird to the mountain?
- 2 For behold, the wicked are positioning the bow;
They make their arrow ready on the cord,
To shoot in the gloom 'at the upright of heart.
- 3 'When the settled things are being pulled down,
The righteous one—what can he effect?
- 4 Yahweh is in His holy temple;
Yahweh—His throne is in the heavens.
His eyes are perceiving;
His eyelids are testing the sons of humanity.
- 5 Yahweh is testing the righteous one,
⁺Yet His soul hates the wicked one
and the one loving wrong.

11:1 7-- like: Hb your [mountain].

- 6 Let Him rain ⁷coals of~ fire and sulfur on the wicked,
 And let a simoon wind be the assigned portion of their cup.
 7 For Yahweh is righteous; He loves righteous deeds.
 The upright, they shall perceive His face.
 ⁷Permanent', ^{on}Concerning the Octave

A Davidic Psalm

- 12 Do save, O Yahweh, for the benign one has reached an end,
 For the faithful' ones have disappeared
 from the sons of humanity;
 2 They 'speak hypocrisy, each one 'with his associate;
 With a lip of slick words,
 'with a double-minded heart^o they 'speak.
 3 May Yahweh cut off all lips of slick words,
 The tongue speaking great things:
 4 Who say, 'With our tongue we shall have mastery;
 Our lips are 'our own; ^awho is lord 'over us?
 5 ^f'Because of the devastation of the humbled,
^f'Because of the groaning of the needy,
 Now I shall arise, 'says Yahweh;
 I shall set him in safety;
 ~I shall shine forth~ for him.
 6 The ^{sa}words of Yahweh are clean ^{sa}words,
 Silver refined' in a kiln,
 ~Fine gold~ cupelled' seven times.
 7 You, O Yahweh, You shall guard them;
 You shall preserve us from this 'generation for the eon.
 8 The wicked 'walk round about,
 As the squanderings 'of the sons of humanity are exalted'.
 ⁷Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm

- 13 How ^frlong, O Yahweh?
 Shall You forget me permanently?

11:6 7-- coals of: Hb snares.

12:2 double-minded heart: lit., heart and heart.

12:5 --- I shall shine forth: Hb He shall puff.

12:6 --- Fine gold: Hb To earth.

- How ^{fr}long shall You conceal 'Your face from me?
 2 How ^{fr}long shall I set ~griefs~ in my soul,
 With affliction in my heart by day ⁷and night^{o?}
 How ^{fr}long shall my enemy¹ be exalted over me?
 3 Do look! Answer me, O Yahweh my Elohim;
 Do enlighten my eyes lest I should sleep in 'death,
 4 Lest my enemy¹ should say, I have ^{all}prevailed over him,
 Lest my foes should exult 'when I 'slip.
 5 +Yet as for me, I trust in Your benignity;
 My heart shall exult in Your salvation;
 6 I will 'sing to Yahweh,
 for He has dealt bountifully ^{on}with me,
 7And I shall make melody
 to the Name of Yahweh Supreme^o.
 'Permanent'

A Davidic ⁷Psalm^s

- 14 The decadent one says in his heart, There is no Elohim.
 They have 'become corrupt ⁷and~c abhorrent
 with iniquitous deeds.
 There is no one doing good.
 2 Yahweh, He gazes down from the heavens
 on the sons of humanity,
 To see whether there is anyone 'acting intelligently,
 Anyone seeking after 'Elohim.
 3 'All withdraw aside; together they are spoiled.
 There is no one doing good;
 There is not even one.
 4 Have they no¹ knowledge,
 all those contrivers¹ of lawlessness,
 Who are devouring My people as they would devour bread?
 They do not call upon Yahweh.
 5 There they were afraid with awe.
 For Elohim is 'with the generation of the righteous one.
 6 You evildoers would 'put to 'shame the counsel
 of the humble one,

13:2 --- griefs: Hb counsels.

14:1 7~c and: Hb connective lost by haplography (cf 53-1).

'Yet Yahweh is his Refuge.

- 7 ^aO ^gthat the salvation of Israel would come from Zion,
 'When Yahweh will reverse^c the captivity of His people!
 Let Jacob exult! Let Israel rejoice!

A Davidic Psalm

- 15 O Yahweh, ^awho shall sojourn in Your tent?
^aWho shall tabernacle ⁱon Your holy mountain?
 2 He who is walking flawlessly and effecting righteousness;
⁺ He who is speaking truth in his heart;
 3 He has not vilified ^{on}with his tongue;
 He has done noⁱ evil to his associate
 And has borne noⁱ reproach ^{on}against the one near him.
 4 Despisedⁱ in his eyes is the reprobateⁱ,
⁺Yet he ⁱglorifies ⁱthose fearing Yahweh.
 He has sworn to ⁱhis associate^c and shall not change.
 5 He has neither ^glent his money ⁱat interest
 Nor taken a bribe ^{on}against the innocent.
 He who is doing these things shall not slip for the eon.

A Davidic Inscribed Psalm

- 16 Keep me, O El, for I have taken refuge in You.
 2 ⁱI^{cs} have said to Yahweh: You are my Lord;
 My goodness is nothing at all ^{on}before You.
 3 ⁱConcerning the saints, who are in the land,
 They are noble ones; all my delight is in them.
 4 Yet their griefs shall increase
 who hasten after another elohim;
 Not at all shall I libate their libations ⁱof blood,
 And not at all shall I bear ⁱtheir names on my lips.
 5 Yahweh is the assigned share of my portion and my cup;
 You are the One upholding my lot.
 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
 Indeed, the allotment is seemly ^{on}for me.
 7 I shall bless ⁱYahweh Who has counseled me;

15:4 7--c his associate: Hb cause evil.

16:2 7--cs I: Hb You.

- Indeed, in the nights
 my innermost being has admonished me.
- 8 I poise Yahweh in front of me continually;
 'Because He is 'at my right hand, I shall not slip at all.
- 9 Wherefore, my heart rejoices, and my glory shall exult;
 Indeed, my flesh, it shall tabernacle in serenity.
- 10 For You shall not forsake my soul 'in the unseen;
 You shall not ²allow Your benign one to see corruption.
- 11 You shall acquaint me with the path of life;
 Satisfying rejoicings are 'in Your presence;
 Pleasantness is 'at Your right hand.
 Permanent

A Davidic Prayer

- 17 O Yahweh, do hear my plea for justice!
 Do attend to my appeal!
 Do ^cgive ear to my prayer, uttered without deceitful lips.
- 2 Let my judgment come forth from ' Your presence;
 Your eyes, may they perceive equity.
- 3 You have tested my heart;
 You have visited by night;
 You have refined me and 'find no ⁷crime in me^c at all;
 My mouth shall not trespass.
- 4 As for the contrivances of humanity,
 'by the word of Your lips
 I have kept from the burglar's paths;
- 5 My movement is upheld^r in Your rounds;
 My footsteps shall slip no more.
- 6 I call upon You, for You shall answer me, O El;
 Stretch out Your ear to me ⁷and^{cs} hear my ^{sa}word.
- 7 ^{7c}Show the marvel of^{cs} Your benignities,
 You Who are saving 'with Your right hand
 Those taking refuge from rising foes.
- 8 Keep me as the pupil of^r Your eye;
 'Conceal me in the shadow of Your wings

17:3 7--c crime in me: MT I have resolved.

17:7 7--cs ^cShow the marvel of: Hb Distinguish.

17:8 pupil of: lit., pupil of daughter of.

- The traps of death have confronted me.
- 6 In my distress I 'called on Yahweh,
And to my Elohim I 'implored.
From His temple He 'heard my voice,
And my imploring before Him, it 'came 'to His ears.
- 7 +Then the earth 'reeled and 'quaked,
And the foundations of the mountains,
they were 'disturbed,
And they 'reeled, for His anger grew hot.
- 8 Smoke ascended 'from His nostrils,
And fire that 'devours from His mouth;
Flashing embers blazed forth from Him.
- 9 + He 'stretched out the heavens and 'descended,
And murkiness was beneath His feet.
- 10 + He 'rode on a cherub and 'flew;
+So He 'swooped down on the wings of the wind.
- 11 He 'set darkness as His concealment round about Him;
His booth was the darkness of waters,
the thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 fOut of the brightness in front of Him
His thick clouds passed
With hail and flashing embers of fire.
- 13 +Then Yahweh 'thundered 'from the heavens,
And the Supreme, He 'gave forth His voice
With hail and flashing embers of fire.
- 14 + He 'sent off His arrows, +with which He 'scattered them, ✠
And He multiplied bolts of lightning,
+with which He 'discomfited them.
- 15 +So the channels of water were made to 'appear,
And the foundations of the habitation were 'revealed,
fBy Your rebuke, O Yahweh,
fBy the breath of the wind of Your nostrils.
- 16 He 'sent from the height; He 'took me;
He 'removed me from many waters;
- 17 He 'rescued me from my strong enemy'
And from those hating me;
For they were tougher fthan I.

- 18 They 'confronted me in the day of my calamity,
 + Yet Yahweh 'became ' my Stay.
- 19 + He 'brought me 'forth into a wide place;
 He 'liberated me, for He has delighted in me.
- 20 Yahweh 'requited me according to my righteousness;
 According to the purity of my hands He 'recompensed ' me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of Yahweh,
 And I have not been wicked by turning from my Elohim.
- 22 For all His judgments have been in front of me,
 And I have not 'put away His statutes from me.
- 23 + I have 'become flawless ^wbefore Him;
 + Let me 'keep myself from my depravity.
- 24 + Yahweh 'recompensed ' me
 according to my righteousness,
 According to the purity of my hands in front of His eyes.
- 25 With the benign one You show Yourself 'benign,
⁷And ^{cs} with a flawless master You show Yourself 'flawless;
- 26 With the purified ' one You show Yourself 'pure,
 + But with the perverse one You show Yourself 'cunning.
- 27 For You Yourself shall save the humbled people,
 + But You shall abase those whose eyes are exalted'.
- 28 'Indeed You Yourself shall light up my lamp, O Yahweh;
 My Elohim, He shall brighten my darkness,
- 29 So that 'by You I may run over a ~stone dike~,
 And 'by my Elohim I may leap a barricade.
- 30 The One, El, His way is flawless;
 The ^{sa}word of Yahweh is refined';
 He is a Shield to all 'who are taking refuge in Him.
- 31 For is there any Eloah apart from Yahweh?
 And is there any Rock except our Elohim?
- 32 He is the One, El, the One belting me with valor,
 And He 's^gspreads flawlessness on my way,
- 33 The One poisoning my feet like hinds',
 And on my high-places He causes me to 'stand.
- 34 He is the One teaching my hands for the battle,
 + So that my arms may manage a bow of bronze.
- 35 + You 'gave to me the shield of Your salvation;

- + Your right hand, it 'braced me,
And Your 'help~ 'made me 'great.
- 36 You 'widened my steps beneath me,
So +that my limbs have not tottered.
- 37 I 'pursued my enemies' and 'overtook them,
And I did not 'return until they were ^{all}finished'.
- 38 I 'transfixed them, and they were not 'able to rise'.
They 'fell beneath my feet.
- 39 + You 'belted me with valor for the battle;
You 'bowed beneath me those rising against me.
- 40 +As for my enemies', You gave to me the scruff
of their necks,
And those hating me, I 'effaced them.
- 41 They 'implored, +yet there was no salvation';
They called ^{on}to Yahweh, +yet He would not answer them.
- 42 + I reduced them to 'powder like the soil
^{on}before the face of the wind;
Like the mud of the streets I 'pulverized~^{cs} them.
- 43 You 'delivered me from the disputes of the people;
You 'placed me 'at the head of the nations.
A people I had not known, they 'serve me;
- 44 'As soon as the ear is hearing they 'hearken to me.
The sons of the foreigner, they 'cower 'before me;
- 45 The sons of the foreigner, they 'disintegrate,
And they come 'cringing from their enclosures.
- 46 Alive is Yahweh, and being blessed is my Rock;
+ Let the Elohim of my salvation be exalted.
- 47 He is the One, El, Who is ^{re}ndering vengeance for me,
And He ^{sp}subdues the peoples under me,
- 48 The One delivering me from my enemies'.
Indeed from those rising against me
have You safely ^mset me 'high;
From the man of violence have You 'rescued me.
- 49 Therefore, I shall acclaim You
ⁱamong the nations, O Yahweh,
And to Your Name shall I make melody.

18:35 Q.- help: Hb humility.

18:42 7--cs 'pulverized: Hb 'emptied.

- 50 He is the One magnifying the salvations of His king,
 And ^dshowing benignity to His anointed,
 To David, and to his seed ^ffor the eon.
 ['] Permanentⁱ

A Davidic Psalm

- 19 The heavens are recounting the glory of El,
 And the atmosphere is telling the ^dwork of His hands.
 2 Day [']after day is uttering a saying,
 And night [']after night is disclosing knowledge.
 3 There is no audible saying, and there are no words;
 Their voice is unheard.
 4 Yet into the entire earth their [']voice^c goes forth,
 And into the ends of the habitation their declarations.
 For the sun, He has placed a tent in them,
 5 ⁺So it is like a bridegroom going forth from his canopy;
 It is [']elated like a master, to run [']its^c path.
 6 From the end of the heavens is its going forth,
 And its circling around goes on to their ends,
⁺So that nothing is being concealed
 from its warm penetration.
 7 The law of Yahweh is flawless, restoring the soul;
 The testimony of Yahweh is faithful,
 ^cmaking wise the simple;
 8 The precepts of Yahweh are upright, rejoicing the heart;
 The instruction of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes;
 9 The fear of Yahweh is clean, standing unto the future;
 The judgments of Yahweh are truth;
 they are righteous altogether:
 10 [']Covetedⁱ more ^fthan gold,
 and more ^fthan much glittering gold,
 And sweeter ^fthan honey and drips of the combs.
 11 Moreover, Your servant is being warned ⁱby them;
 In the keeping[~] of them is a great consequence.
 12 ^aWho can [']detect inadvertent errors?
 From those concealedⁱ to me, ^mhold me innocent.

- 13 Moreover, keep back Your servant from arrogancies;
Let them not 'rule ⁱover me.
Then I shall be flawless,
And I will be innocent ^fof great transgression.
- 14 May the sayings of my mouth ^bbe 'acceptable
And the soliloquy of my heart be pleasing before You,
O Yahweh, my Rock and my Redeemer!
[']Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm

- 20** May Yahweh answer you in a day of distress;
May the Name of Jacob's Elohim be
your impregnable retreat.
- 2** May He send to your help from the Sanctuary,
And from Zion, may He brace you.
- 3** May He remember all your approach presents,
And upon your ascent offerings,
may He ^mconfer richness.

Interlude

- 4 May He give to you according to your heart,
And all your counsel, may He fulfill.
5 Let us be jubilant in your² salvation,
And in the Name of Elohim, may we raise a standard.
May Yahweh fulfill all your requests.
6 Now I know that Yahweh will save His anointed;
He shall answer him from His holy heavens
¹By the saving masterful deeds of His right hand.
7 These boast in chariots, and those in horses,
¹But as for us, ¹concerning
the Name of Yahweh our Elohim, we are ever ¹mindful.
8 They, indeed they will bow down and fall,
¹But as for us, we will rise and shall become attested.
9 O Yahweh, save the king,
¹And answer~ us ¹on the day we call.
²Permanent¹

20:5 your: i.e., the king's.

20:9 7-- And answer: Hb He shall answer.

A Davidic Psalm

- 21 O Yahweh, in Your strength is the king rejoicing,
 And in Your salvation, ^whow exceedingly is he exulting!
 2 The yearning of his heart, You will give to him,
 And the proposal of his lips You will not withhold at all.

Interlude

- 3 For You shall succor him with blessings of good;
 You shall set a glittering gold crown 'on his head.
 4 He asked life from You; You will give it to him:
 Length of days for an eon and further.
 5 Great is his glory 'through Your salvation;
 Splendor and honor shall You poise on him.
 6 For You are setting him for blessings for the future;
 You are exhilarating him 'with the rejoicing
 of 'Your presence.
 7 For the king is trusting in Yahweh,
 And in the benignity of the Supreme
 he shall not slip at all.
 8 Your hand shall find 'all Your enemies';
 Your right hand, it shall find those hating You.
 9 You shall ^{set}make them like a fiery stove
 'in the era of Your presence.
 Yahweh shall swallow them up in His anger,
 And fire shall devour them.
 10 You shall destroy their fruit from the earth
 And their seed from among the sons of humanity.
 11 Though they have intended evil ^{on}against You,
 And they have devised a scheme,
 They shall not ^{all}prevail at all.
 12 For You shall ^{set}make them turn their backs;
 'With Your bowcords You shall be ready
^{on}against their faces.
 13 Be exalted, O Yahweh, in Your strength;
 We will 'sing and make 'melody
 concerning Your masterful deeds.

' Permanent'

^{on}Concerning the Hind of the Dawn

A Davidic Psalm

- 22 My El! My El! Why have You forsaken me?
 Far from my salvation are these words of my roaring.
- 2 My Elohim, I am calling by day, +yet You are not answering,
 And by night, +yet there is no^t stillness for me.
- 3 +But You are holy,
 The One dwelling among the praises of Israel.
- 4 In You our fathers trusted;
 They trusted, and You 'delivered them.
- 5 To You they cried out, and they escaped;
 In You they trusted, and they were not put to shame.
- 6 +But I am a worm and not a man,
 A reproach to humanity and despised^d by the people.
- 7 All those seeing me 'deride^d me;
 They 'open up their lip in sneering;
 They 'wag their head, saying,
- 8 ⁷He exults^{~c} 'in Yahweh; let Him deliver him!
 Let Him rescue him, 'since He delights in him!
- 9 'Indeed You were the One rushing me forth from the belly,
 Causing me to trust on my mother's breasts.
- 10 On You was I flung from the womb;
 From my mother's belly, You have been my El.
- 11 O do not be 'far from me, for distress is near,
 'Because there is no one helping.
- 12 Many young bulls surround me;
 Sturdy ones of Bashan, they compass me about.
- 13 They open their mouth wide ^{on}against me
⁷Like^s a lion, ravening and roaring.
- 14 I am poured out like water,
 And all my bones are disjointed.
 My heart has become like wax;
 It is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- 15 My vigor is dried up like earthenware,
 And my tongue clings^d to my jaws;
 + You ~bring me 'low~ to the soil of death.

22:8 7--c He exults: MT He hands over~.

22:15 --- bring me 'low: Hb set me on the 'hearthstones.

- 16 For curs have surrounded me;
The crowd of evildoers¹ has encompassed me;
²They dig into^c my hands and my feet.
- 17 I¹ number all my bones;
They¹ look; they¹ stare¹ at me.
- 18 They¹ apportion my garments¹ among themselves,
And they¹ cast the lot^{on} for my clothing.
- 19 + Yet You, O Yahweh, do not be¹ far away!
My Fortitude, do hurry to my help!
- 20 Do rescue my soul from the sword,
My only one from the paw of the cur.
- 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion
And from the horns of the wild bulls—
You have answered me!
- 22 Let me¹ recount Your Name to my brothers;
In the midst of the assembly shall I praise You.
- 23 Those fearing Yahweh, praise Him!
All the seed of Jacob, glorify Him!
And revere¹ Him, all the seed of Israel!
- 24 For He has neither despised
Nor abominated the humiliation of the humbled,
And He has not concealed His face from him.
+ But¹ 'when he implored¹ to Him, He hearkened.
- 25 From¹ You comes my praise in the vast assembly;
I shall pay my vows in front of those fearing Him.
- 26 The humbled shall eat and shall be satisfied;
And those seeking after Him shall praise Yahweh.
May¹ their^{cs} hearts live for the future.
- 27 All the limits of the earth shall remember
and return to Yahweh;
+ All the families of the nations shall worship before¹ Him^c.
- 28 For Yahweh's is the kingdom,
And¹ He^o is the One ruling¹ among the nations.
- 29 ~Yea, to Him~ shall bow down
All those ~about to be sleeping in~ the earth;

22:16 7--c They dig into: Hb As a lion.

22:26 7--cs their: Hb your.

22:27 7--c Him: Hb You.

22:29 ~- Yea, to Him: Hb They will eat and; --- about to be sleeping in: Hb sleek of.

- Before Him shall crouch
 All those descending to the soil.
 And he who did not ^mkeep his soul alive—
 30 His seed shall serve Him;
 It shall be recounted ^s'about ^{ph}Yahweh
 To the generation ⁷that is coming~.
 31 And they shall tell of His righteousness
 To a people about to be born^l.
 Declaring that He has done this.

A Davidic Psalm

- 23 Yahweh is my Shepherd^l;
 Nothing shall I lack.
 2 In verdant oases, He is ^cmaking me recline;
^{on}Beside restful waters, He is conducting me.
 3 He is restoring my soul;
 He is guiding me in the routes of righteousness,
 on account of His Name.
 4 Even though I should walk in the ravine of blackest shadow,
 I shall not fear evil, for You are with me;
 Your club and Your staff, they^l are comforting me.
 5 You are arranging a table before me in front of my foes^l;
 You have sleeked my head ⁱwith oil;
 My cup is satiated.
 6 Yea, goodness and benignity, they shall pursue me
 all the days of my life,
 And I will dwell in the House of Yahweh
 for the length of my days.

A Davidic Psalm

- 24 Yahweh's is the earth and its fullness,
 The habitation and those dwelling in it.
 2 For He, on the seas He has founded it,
 And on the streams He has ^eestablished it.
 3 ^aWho shall ascend into the mountain of Yahweh,

And ^awho shall rise in His holy place?

- 4 The innocent of palms and pure of heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to mere idols,
And has not sworn ^bby what is deceitful.
- 5 He shall obtain blessing from ^cYahweh,
And righteousness from the Elohim of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those seeking after Him,
Those seeking Your face, ^dO Elohim of^{cs} Jacob.

Interlude

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gateways,
And be lifted up, O portals eonian,
^eThat the King of glory may come in!
- 8 ^aWho is this King of ^fglory?
Yahweh, strong and masterful
Yahweh, masterful in battle!
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gateways,
And ^gbe lifted up^{cs}, O portals eonian,
^eThat the King of glory may come in!
- 10 ^aWho is He, this King of ^fglory?
Yahweh of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Interlude

A Davidic ^hPsalm^o

- 25 To You, O Yahweh, am I lifting up my soul;
- 2 In You, my Elohim, have I trusted.
Do not let me be ⁱashamed;
Do not let my enemiesⁱ be ^jglad ^kover me.
- 3 ^mIndeed, all expecting You shall not be ashamed;
They shall be ashamed
^lwho are being treacherous without excuse.
- 4 Acquaint me with Your ways, O Yahweh;
Teach me Your paths.
- 5 Cause me to tread in Your truth, and teach me,
For You are the Elohim of my salvation,
ⁿAnd^{cs} I expect ^oYou the entire day.
- 6 Remember Your compassions, O Yahweh,

- And Your benignities,
For they are from the eon.
- 7 Do not 'remember the sins of my youth
and my transgressions;
According to Your benignity, remember ' me, I pray You,
On account of Your goodness, O Yahweh.
- 8 Good and upright is Yahweh;
Therefore, He shall direct sinners in the way;
- 9 He shall cause the humble to tread in right judgment,
And He shall teach the humble His way.
- 10 All the paths of Yahweh are benignity and truth
For those preserving His covenant and His testimonies.
- 11 On account of Your Name, O Yahweh,
+Thus 'pardon ' my depravity, though it be great.
- 12 "Whatever man this is who is fearing Yahweh,
He shall direct him in the way he should choose;
- 13 His soul shall lodge in good,
And his seed shall tenant the land.
- 14 The intimacy of Yahweh is for those fearing Him,
And His covenant, to 'give them knowledge'.
- 15 My eyes are continually toward Yahweh,
For He' shall 'bring forth my feet from the net.
- 16 Turn toward ' me, and be gracious to me,
For I am lonely and humbled;
- 17 In the distresses of my heart ~'make a wideness for me,
And~ 'bring me forth from my constraints.
- 18 ~Meet~ my humiliation and my toil,
And bear 'away all my sins.
- 19 See my enemies', 'how they multiply
And hate me with violent hatred.
- 20 Do guard my soul, and rescue me;
Do not let me be ashamed, for I have taken refuge in You.
- 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I expect You.
- 22 O Elohim, ransom 'Israel from all their distresses.

25:17 --- 'make a wideness for me, And; Hb they have widened.

25:18 --- Meet; Hb See [emendation supported by the acrostic].

Davidic

- 26 Judge me, O Yahweh, for I have walked in my integrity,
 And I have trusted in Yahweh; I shall not totter.
- 2 Test me, O Yahweh, and try me;
 Do refine my innermost being and my heart.
- 3 For Your benignity is in front of my eyes,
 And I have walked in Your truth.
- 4 I have not sat with ^{od}men of hypocrisy,
 And with dissemblers^l I shall not enter.
- 5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers^l,
 And with the wicked I shall not sit.
- 6 I shall wash my palms in innocence,
 And I will go 'around 'Your altar, O Yahweh,
- 7 To announce 'with the voice of acclamation,
 And to recount all Your marvelous^l works.
- 8 O Yahweh, I have loved the 'pleasantness~ of Your House
 And the Place where Your glory is tabernacling.
- 9 Do not 'gather up my soul with sinners
 *Or my life with bloodthirsty men,
- 10 In whose hands is scheming,
 And their right hand is full of bribes.
- 11 *As for me, I shall walk in my integrity.
 Ransom me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 My foot has stood 'on level ground;
 In the assemblies, I shall bless ⁷You^o, O Yahweh.

Davidic

- 27 Yahweh is my Light and my Salvation;
^f ^aWhom should I fear?
 Yahweh is the Stronghold of my life;
^fOf ^awhom should I be afraid?
- 2 'When evildoers^l drew near~ ^{on}against me
 To devour 'my flesh,
 They who were to me my foes and my enemies^l,
 They stumbled and fell.
- 3 'Though an armed force should encamp ^{on}against me,

- My heart shall not fear;
ⁱThough war should rise up ^{on} against me,
 In spite of this I am trusting.
- 4 One thing I have asked from 'Yahweh—
 Only 'it am I seeking:
 That I may dwellⁱ in the House of Yahweh
 all the days of my life,
 To perceiveⁱ the pleasantness of Yahweh,
 And to make my questⁱ in His Temple.
- 5 For He shall seclude me in His booth in the day of evil;
 He shall conceal me in the secrecy of His tent;
 He shall safely ^mset me highⁱ on a rock.
- 6 ⁺Even now my head is being raised high
 over my enemiesⁱ round about me,
 And I will 'sacrifice in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.
 I will 'sing and make 'melody to Yahweh.
- 7 Hear my voice, O Yahweh, when I 'call;
 Be gracious to me, and answer me.
- 8 To You my heart has said, 'I have sought Your faceⁱ;
 'Your face, O Yahweh, am I seeking.
- 9 O do not 'conceal Your face from me,
 O do not 'turn aside Your servant in anger,
 You Who have become my Help!
 O do not 'abandon me,
 And do not 'forsake me,
 O Elohim of my salvation.
- 10 For my father and my mother, they have forsaken me,
⁺Yet Yahweh shall gather me in.
- 11 Direct me, O Yahweh, in Your way,
 And guide me in a straight path
 on account of those lying in wait for me.
- 12 O do not 'give me upⁱ to the soul's desire of my foes,
 For false witnesses have risenⁱ against me,
⁺Even malicious calumniators.
- 13 I^o believeⁱ that I will seeⁱ the goodness of Yahweh
 in the land of the living.

27:8 7.- I have sought Your face: Hb Seek ye My face.

27:13 I... living: The Hb line begins with Unless, but this is omitted by the ancient Versions and five Hb Ms, and is pointed as "suspect" in the MT.

- 14 Be expectant toward Yahweh;
 Be steadfast, and let your heart be resolute.
 +Yea, be expectant toward Yahweh.

Davidic

- 28 To You, O Yahweh, am I calling out;
 My Rock, O do not turn from me in 'silence.
 Lest, if You should hush ^fto me,
 + I would become comparable with descenders' to the crypt.
- 2 Hear the voice of my supplications
 'When I implore' to You,
 'When I lift' up my hands toward Your Innermost Sanctuary.
- 3 O do not 'draw me away with the wicked
 +Or with contrivers' of lawlessness,
 Those speaking peace with their associates
 +But evil in their heart.
- 4 Give to them according to their contriving
 And according to the evil of their actions;
 According to the ^dwork of their hands, give to them;
 Reverse their dealing 'upon them.
- 5 For they do not 'understand ' Yahweh's wise deeds
 +Or ' the ^dwork of His hands.
 He shall pull them down and not build them up again.
- 6 Blessed' be Yahweh,
 For He has heard the voice of my supplications.
- 7 Yahweh is my Strength and my Shield;
 In Him has my heart trusted,
 And I have been helped
 So +that my heart is 'joyous,
 And ^fwith my song am I acclaiming Him.
- 8 Yahweh is the Strength 'of 'His people^{~cs},
 And He is the Stronghold of salvation for His anointed.
- 9 Do save 'Your people,
 And bless 'Your allotment;
 + Shepherd them,
 And lift them up ^{fr}for the eon.

A Davidic Psalm

- 29 Grant to Yahweh, O sons of the elim,
Grant to Yahweh glory and strength.
- 2 Grant to Yahweh the glory of His Name;
Worship ' Yahweh in His holy effulgence.
- 3 The voice of Yahweh is over the waters;
The El of glory, He thunders;
Yahweh is over the abundant waters.
- 4 The voice of Yahweh sounds 'with vigor;
The voice of Yahweh is filled 'with honor.
- 5 The voice of Yahweh is breaking cedars,
And Yahweh is breaking 'the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 + He is causing them to dance like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young "wild bull.
- 7 The voice of Yahweh is hewing with blazes of fire.
- 8 The voice of Yahweh, it is causing the wilderness to travail;
Yahweh is causing the wilderness of Kadesh to travail.
- 9 The voice of Yahweh makes the hinds 'travail in birth,
And He is stripping the wildwood bare.
+ In His Temple everyone is saying, Glory.
- 10 Yahweh sat enthroned 'above the deluge,
And Yahweh shall sit enthroned as King for the eon.
- 11 Yahweh, strength shall He give to His people;
Yahweh, He shall bless 'His people 'with peace.

A Psalm

Dedication Song of the House
Davidic

- 30 I am exalting You, O Yahweh, for You have drawn me out,
And You have not "let my enemies' rejoice 'over me.
- 2 O Yahweh my Elohim, I implored to You,
And You 'healed me.
- 3 O Yahweh, You have "brought my soul up from the unseen;
You have "preserved me alive
from descending to the crypt.

29:1 elim: other lesser arbiters beside the Deity (cf Dn 11:36).
29:2 His holy effulgence: LXX His holy court.

- You shall guide me,
And You shall conduct me.
- 4 You shall 'bring me forth from the net
That they have buried for me;
For You are my Stronghold.
- 5 Into Your hand am I committing my spirit;
You have ransomed 'me, O Yahweh, El of faithfulness.
- 6 I hate those keeping hypocritical vanities,
+Yet I, I trust 'in Yahweh.
- 7 I will 'exult and 'rejoice in Your benignity,
You Who have seen 'my humiliation;
You know all 'about the distresses of my soul,
- 8 And You have not locked me up into the hand of the enemy';
You have 'made my feet stand in a wide place.
- 9 Be gracious to me, O Yahweh, for distress has been mine;
My eye was exhausted 'by vexation,
My soul and my inner being too.
- 10 For my life was ^{all}consumed 'with affliction,
And my years 'with sighing;
My vigor stumbled 'with my 'humiliation~^c,
And my bones, they were exhausted.
- 11 'Because of all my foes' I became a reproach,
+Even to my neighbors, exceedingly so,
And an alarm to my close acquaintances';
Those seeing me in the street would bolt away from me.
- 12 I was forgotten, like a dead man, ^fout of heart;
I became like a lost ^{all}vessel.
- 13 For I heard the muttering of many;
Shrinking fear was ^fround about;
In their deliberation~ together ^{on}against me,
They schemed to take away my soul.
- 14 +Yet I, I trusted ^{on}in You, O Yahweh;
I said, My Elohim are You;
- 15 In Your hand are my seasons;
Rescue me from the hand of my enemies'
And from those pursuing me.
- 16 Do ^clet Your face light up over Your servant;

- Save me in Your benignity.
 17 O Yahweh, do not let me be 'ashamed,
 For I have called out to You.
 Let the wicked be ashamed;
 Let them be still 'in the unseen;
 18 Let false lips be muted,
 'Those speaking with impertinence ^{on} against the righteous,
 In pride and contempt.
 19 ^{wf}How great is Your goodness
 Which You have stored up for those fearing You,
 And have effected for those seeking refuge in You
 In front of the sons of humanity.
 20 You shall conceal them in the concealment of Your presence
 From the coalitions of man;
 You shall seclude them in a booth
 From the dispute of tongues.
 21 Blessed' be Yahweh,
 For He ^cmade marvelous His benignity to me
 In a besieged city.
 22 ⁺Yet I, I had said in my consternation',
 I am ^Msevered~ from in front of Your eyes.
^{so}Nevertheless, You heard the voice of my supplications
 In my imploring~ to You.
 23 Love 'Yahweh, all His benign ones;
 The faithful', Yahweh is preserving,
⁺Yet He is repaying ^{on} with a surplus
 The one ^ddealing with pride.
 24 Be steadfast,
 And let your heart be resolute,
 All you 'who are waiting for Yahweh.

Davidic
Contemplating

- 32 Happy is he whose transgression is lifted' away,
 Whose sin is covered' over!
 2 Happy is the human
 to whom Yahweh is not reckoning depravity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit!

- 3 'When I 'kept silent toward You,
my bones became worn out
'With my roaring the entire day.
- 4 For by day and night, Your hand was 'heavy upon me;
My freshness was turned into the droughts of summer.

Interlude

- 5 I am now acknowledging my sin to You,
And I do not cover over my depravity.
I said, I shall confess ^{on}against myself
my transgressions to Yahweh,
And You, You lift away the depravity of my sin.

Interlude

- 6 ^{on}Concerning this, let every benign one pray to You
'in a season of finding';
Surely 'at the overflowing of many waters
They shall not attain to him.
- 7 You are a concealment for me;
From distress shall You preserve me,
With jubilant songs of deliverance^c shall You surround me.

Interlude

- 8 You said, I shall 'make you contemplate,
And direct you in the way that you should go;
I will give 'counsel with My eye upon you.
- 9 You must not 'become like a horse,
Like a mule in which there is no understanding^c,
Whose 'scruff^c must be 'curbed^c 'with bit and bridle,
Or it would never come near^c to you.
- 10 Many are the pains for the wicked one,
⁺Yet for the one trusting in Yahweh,
benignity shall surround him.
- 11 Rejoice in Yahweh, and exult, O righteous ones,
And be jubilant, all who are upright of heart.

33 Be jubilant, O righteous ones, in Yahweh;

Praise is comely for the upright ones.

- 2 Acclaim ' Yahweh 'on a harp;

- ⁱOn a zither of ten strings make melody to Him.
 3 Sing to Him a new song;
 Be skillful to play ⁱwith joyful shouting.
 4 For upright is the word of Yahweh,
 And all His ^dwork is in faithfulness.
 5 He is loving righteousness and right judgment;
 The earth is full of the benignity of Yahweh.
 6 ⁱBy the word of Yahweh, the heavens were ^dmade,
 And ⁱby the spirit of His mouth, all their host.
 7 He is collecting the waters of the sea
 together as a waterspout,
^gBestowing the abyss in treasure vaults.
 8 Let all the earth fear ^f Yahweh;
 Let all those dwelling in the habitation revere ^f Him.
 9 For He' ^{sa}spoke, and it came to 'be;
 He' enjoined, and it 'stood firm.
 10 Yahweh, He annuls the intrigue of the nations;
 He repudiates the devices of the peoples.
 11 The counsel of Yahweh shall stand for the eon,
 The designs of His heart for generation ⁺ after generation.
 12 Happy is the nation ^wthat has Yahweh as its Elohim,
 The people He chooses 'as an allotment for Himself.
 13 From the heavens Yahweh looks down;
 He sees 'all the sons of humanity.
 14 From His established dwelling^h He peers
 'Upon all those dwelling on the earth,
 15 He 'Who is forming their hearts individually,
 'Who is discerning ' all their doings.
 16 The king is not saved' ⁱby a great army;
 A master is not 'rescued ⁱby great vigor;
 17 The horse is a false hope for salvation,
 And ⁱby its vast valor it cannot ^mprovide 'escape.
 18 Behold, the eye of Yahweh is toward those fearing Him,
 Toward those waiting for His benignity,
 19 To rescue their soul from death
 And to ^mpreserve them alive in famine.
 20 Our soul tarries for Yahweh;
 He is our Help and our Shield.

- 21 For in Him our heart is rejoicing;
For in His holy Name we trust.
22 O Yahweh, let Your benignity come to be upon us
 ^wEven as we wait for You.

Davidic

ⁱWhen he altered⁻ ⁱhis sanity before Abimelech so ⁺that
he ⁱdrove him out, and he ⁱwent away.^o

- 34 Let me ⁱbless ⁱYahweh in every season;
His praise is in my mouth continually.
2 In Yahweh my soul ⁱboasts;
The humbled ones ⁱhear and ⁱrejoice.
3 Magnify ⁱYahweh ⁱwith me,
And let us ⁱexalt His Name together.
4 I have sought after ⁱYahweh, and He has answered me,
And from all my shrinking fear He has rescued me.
5 ^MLook^{-c} to Him and ⁷beam^{-c},
And do not let ⁷your^{-c} faces be abashed.
6 This humbled one called, and Yahweh heard,
And from all his distresses, He saved him.
7 The messenger of Yahweh is encamping
around ⁱthose fearing Him,
And He shall liberate them.
8 Taste and see that Yahweh is good;
Happy is the master who takes ⁱrefuge in Him.
9 Fear ⁱYahweh, all His saints,
For there is no lack to those fearing Him.
10 The sheltered lions, they are destitute, and they famish,
⁺But those seeking after Yahweh shall not lack any good.
11 ^gCome my sons; hearken to me!
I shall teach you the devout fear of Yahweh.
12 ^aWho is the man whose delight is life,
Loving sufficient days in order to see good?
13 Preserve your tongue from evil
And your lips from speaking⁻ deceit.

34 [heading] ⁱWhen ... away: cf 1 S 21:13-15.

34:5 ^M-c Look: MT They look; ⁷-c beam: MT they beam; ⁷-c your: Hb their.

- 14 Withdraw from evil, and do good;
 Seek peace, and pursue it.
 15 The eyes of Yahweh are toward the righteous,
 And His ears are toward their imploring.
 16 The face of Yahweh is 'against those doing evil,
 To cut off their remembrance from the earth.
 17 'The righteous^c cry out, and Yahweh hears,
 And He rescues them from all their distresses.
 18 Yahweh is near to the brokenⁱ of heart,
 And He shall save 'those crushed of spirit.
 19 Many are the evils on the righteous one,
 +But Yahweh shall rescue him from them all,
 20 He Who is guarding all his bones
 So that not one /of them is broken.
 21 Evil shall ^mput the wicked to death,
 And those hating the righteous one shall be found guilty.
 22 Yahweh is ransoming the soul of His servants,
 And all 'those taking refuge in Him shall not be found guilty.

Davidic

- 35 Do contend, O Yahweh, 'with my contenders;
 Fight against 'those fighting me.
 2 ^cHold fast the buckler and the large shield;
 + Do rise up ⁷to^s my help.
 3 + Unsheathe the spear and the pike
 To meet those pursuing me.
 Say to my soul, I am your Salvation!
 4 May they be ashamed,
 And may they be mortified, who are seeking my soul;
 May they be turned ^{af}away,
 And may they be abashed, who are devising evil against me.
 5 May they become like trash before the wind,
 +With a messenger of Yahweh expelling ⁷them^c.
 6 Let their way become dark and slick surfaced,
 +With a messenger of Yahweh pursuing them.
 7 For gratuitously have they buried their net for me;

- Gratuitously have they delved a grave for my soul.
- 8 May ruination come upon him when he is not knowing it,
And may his net ^wthat he has buried seize him;
Let him fall into it ⁱto ruination.
- 9 ⁺Yet my soul, it shall exult in Yahweh;
It shall be elated in His salvation.
- 10 All my bones, they shall say, O Yahweh, ^awho is like You?
Rescuing the humbled from one too unyielding ^ffor him,
⁺Both the humbled and the needy from one pillaging him.
- 11 Malicious witnesses ⁱarise;
They ⁱask me that which I do not know;
- 12 They are repaying me evil ^ufor good,
Seeking bereavement to my soul.
- 13 ⁺As for me, ⁱwhen they were ill^l my clothing was sackcloth;
I humbled my soul ⁱwith fasting,
⁺Yet my prayer, it ⁱturned back on my bosom.^o
- 14 As for an associate, as for my brother,
I walked about grieving;
Like one mourning for his mother,
I bowed down in sombernessⁱ.
- 15 ⁺Yet ⁱwhen I was limping,
they rejoiced and gathered together;
They gathered together ^{on}against me,
Smitersⁱ, and I did not know it;
They tore at me and would not be still.
- 16 ⁱWith the pollutions of ⁷derisive⁻ derisions,
They gnashed⁻ their teeth ^{on}against me.
- 17 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, ^whow ^{as}long shall You ^{see}look on?
Do ⁱrestore my soul from their ruinations,
My only one from the sheltered lions.
- 18 I shall acclaim You in the vast assembly;
ⁱAmong a staunch people shall I praise You.
- 19 Let them not ⁱrejoice [']over me,
My enemiesⁱ who are false;
Nor let them wink the eye,

35:7 grave: MT places this word in the previous line, but parallelism suggests it belongs here.

35:13 ⁺Yet . . . bosom: cf Mt 10:13.

35:16 7-- derisive: Hb ember cake.

- Who are hating me gratuitously.
 20 For they do not 'speak peace,
 And they are devising words of deceit
^{on}against those enjoying respite in the land.
 21 + They 'widen their mouth ^{on}against me;
 They say, Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it.
 22 You have seen this; O Yahweh, do not be 'silent;
 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, do not be 'far from me.
 23 Do rouse; + do awake for my due,
 My Elohim and my Lord, for my cause.
 24 Judge me according to Your righteousness,
 O Yahweh my Elohim,
 And let them not 'rejoice 'over me.
 25 Let them not 'say in their heart, Aha, our soul is pleased;
 Let them not 'say, We 'swallowed him up.
 26 May those be ashamed and abashed together,
 Who are rejoicing in my evil lot;
 May those be clothed with shame and mortification,
 'Who are magnifying themselves ^{on}against me.
 27 May those be jubilant and rejoice,
 Who take delight in my righteousness;
 + May they say continually, Let Yahweh be magnified,
 'Whose delight is in His servant's well-being.
 28 +Then my tongue shall soliloquize of Your righteousness,
 Of Your praise, the entire day.
 'Permanent'
 To the Servant of Yahweh

Davidic

- 36 The wicked one 'has a watchword' of transgression
ⁱ within ⁷his^{cs} heart;
 There is no awe of Elohim in front of his eyes;
 2 For he apports too much to himself in his own eyes
 To find out his depravity and to hate it.
 3 The words of his mouth are lawlessness and deceit;
 He evades even to contemplate 'cdoing good.

- 4 He ¹devises lawlessness on his bed;
He ¹stations himself on a pathway that is not good;
He does not ¹reject what is evil.
- 5 O Yahweh, Your benignity reaches ¹to the heavens,
Your faithfulness unto the skies.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the mountain ranges of El,
Your judgment like the vast abyss:
Both human and beast You ¹save, O Yahweh.
- 7 ^wHow precious is Your benignity, O Elohim,
So ⁺that the sons of humanity may take refuge
in the shadow of Your wings.
- 8 They are ¹satiated ^fwith the richness of Your House,
And You ^cgive them the watercourse
of Your luxuries to ¹drink;
- 9 For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light shall we see light.
- 10 Protract Your benignity to those knowing You,
And Your righteousness to the upright of heart.
- 11 Do not let the foot of pride come against me;
And do not let the hand of the wicked cause me to wander.
- 12 The contrivers' of lawlessness [~]are desolated[~];
they have fallen;
They have been tripped up and they are not able to rise[~].

Davidic

- 37 Do not grow ¹hot ¹because of evildoers¹;
Do not be ¹jealous ¹over those doing iniquity.
- 2 For like grass, they shall quickly be snipped off,
And like green verdure, they shall decay.
- 3 Trust in Yahweh, and do good;
Tabernacle in the land, and graze in faithfulness.
- 4 ⁺ Find pleasure ^{on}in Yahweh,
And He shall give ¹you the requests of your heart.
- 5 Hand over your way ^{on}to Yahweh;
⁺ Trust ^{on} Him, and He¹ shall do it.
- 6 ⁺ So He will ^cmake your righteousness
shine forth like the light,

- And your right judgment like the noonday sun.
- 7 Be still ¹before Yahweh, and wait for Him;
Do not grow ¹hot ¹because someone prospers¹ his way,
¹Because a man is ^dcarrying out his schemes;
- 8 Hold back from anger, and forsake fury;
Do not grow ¹hot; it ^cleads ^yonly to evil¹.
- 9 For the evildoers¹, they shall be cut off,
⁺Yet those expecting Yahweh, they¹ shall tenant the land.
- 10 And ^fstill a little while, and there will be no wicked one;
⁺When you consider ^{on} his place, ⁺ he will not be there.
- 11 ⁺Yet the humbled ones, they shall tenant the land,
And they will find pleasure
^{on}in the abundance of well-being.
- 12 The wicked one is scheming ¹against the righteous one,
And is gnashing his teeth ^{on}at him.
- 13 ^sYahweh^{ph}, He is ridiculing ¹ him,
For He sees that his day shall come.
- 14 The wicked unloose the sword,
And they position their bow,
To cast down the humbled and the needy one,
To slaughter the upright of way.
- 15 Their sword, it shall enter ⁱ their own heart,
And their bows, they shall be broken.
- 16 Better are a few who are for the righteous one
¹Than a throng of many wicked ones.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked, they shall be broken,
⁺Yet Yahweh is supporting the righteous.
- 18 Yahweh is knowing the days of the flawless,
And their allotment shall ^bbe for the eon.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in an evil season,
And in days of famine, they shall be satisfied.
- 20 ¹But the wicked, they shall perish,
⁺even the enemies¹ of Yahweh,
Like the precious bloom of the meadows, they will ^{all}vanish;
¹Like^{cs} smoke they will ^{all}vanish.
- 21 The wicked one is borrowing, ⁺but he does not ¹repay,
⁺Yet the just one is generous¹ and giving.

- 22 For those being blessed by Him shall tenant the land,
 +Yet those being maledicted by Him shall be cut off. ^o
- 23 ^fBy Yahweh are the steps of a master prepared,
 And in His way shall he delight.
- 24 Though he should fall, he shall not be cast forth,
 For Yahweh is supporting his hand.
- 25 I ^bwas a youth, ⁷and ^{Qs} ^{mr}now I am old;
 +Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken¹
 +Or his seed seeking bread.
- 26 The entire day he is generous¹ and obliging,
 And his seed ¹becomes a blessing.
- 27 Withdraw from evil, and do good;
 +Then tabernacle for the eon.
- 28 For Yahweh is loving right judgment,
 And He shall not forsake ¹His benign ones.
⁷The iniquitous will be exterminated[~] for the eon,
 And the seed of the wicked, it will be cut off.
- 29 The righteous, they shall tenant the land,
 And they shall tabernacle on it for the future.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous one, it ¹soliloquizes wisdom,
 And his tongue, it ¹speaks right judgment.
- 31 The law of his Elohim is in his heart
⁷And ^{cs} his movement is not tottering.
- 32 The wicked is watching for the righteous one
 And is seeking to ^cput him to death.
- 33 Yahweh, He shall not forsake him ⁱto his hand,
 And He shall not ^clet him be condemned
ⁱwhen he is judged[~].
- 34 Be expectant toward Yahweh, and keep His way,
 And He shall exalt you to tenant the land.
ⁱWhen the wicked are cut[~] off, you shall see it.
- 35 I have seen a wicked one, a terrifier,
 + ⁷Elevating[~] himself like a flourishing native tree.
- 36 +Yet ⁷I ^{Qc} ¹passed by, and behold, he was not there,
 And I ¹sought him, and he was not found.

37:22 +Yet . . . off: c/ Mt 25:41.

37:28 7.- The iniquitous will be exterminated: Hb They will be guarded.

37:35 7.- Elevating: Hb Denuding.

37:36 7.-Qc I: Hb he.

- 37 Observe the flawless, and see the upright,
That there is a hereafter for the man of peace.
- 38 +Yet transgressors', they will be exterminated together;
The hereafter of the wicked, it will be cut off.
- 39 + The salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh,
Their Stronghold in a season of distress.
- 40 And Yahweh shall help them and deliver them;
He shall deliver them from the wicked and save them,
For they took refuge in Him.

A Davidic Psalm
For Remembrance^c

- 38 O Yahweh, do not ^lcorrect me in Your wrath
+Or ^ldiscipline me in Your fury.
- 2 For Your arrows have settled deep in me,
And Your hand is settling down on me.
- 3 There is no soundness in my flesh
^fin view of Your indignation;
There is no peace in my bones ^fin view of my sin.
- 4 For my depravities, they pass over my head;
Like a heavy load, they are too heavy ^ffor me.
- 5 My welts stink ⁷and^c putrefy
^fIn view of my folly.
- 6 I am wretched; I bow down very ^flow.
The entire day I walk in somberness^l.
- 7 For my hips, they are filled with searing pain,
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I give way and am ^futterly crushed.
I roar out ^fof the anguish of my heart.
- 9 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, all my yearning is in front of You,
And my sighing is not concealed from You.
- 10 My heart throbs; my vigor forsakes me,
And the light of my eyes, even that is not [`]with me.
- 11 Those loving me and my associates
are standing aloof from my contagion,
And my near friends stand far off.
- 12 + Those seeking my soul ^mlay ^ltraps,
And those seeking after evil to me, they speak woes;

- + The entire day they 'mumble deceptions.
- 13 + Yet I am like a deaf man; I do not 'hear,
And like a mute who does not 'open his mouth.
- 14 + So I have 'become like a man who is not hearing,
+ In whose mouth there are no reproofs.
- 15 'But 'on You, O Yahweh, have I ^cplaced my hope.
You Yourself shall answer, O ^sYahweh^{ph} my Elohim.
- 16 For I ^{sa}pleaded: Otherwise they might rejoice 'against me;
'When my feet slip~,
they would magnify themselves over me.
- 17 'But I am prepared' for limping,
And my pain is in front of me continually.
- 18 For I shall profess my depravity;
I am 'anxious /because of my sin.
- 19 + Yet those who are my enemies' ^ogratuitously~,
are plentiful,
And those hating me falsely have multiplied.
- 20 + Those repaying evil "for good,
They are my 'adversaries "in my pursuit` of the good.
- 21 Do not 'forsake me, O Yahweh;
My Elohim, do not be 'far from me.
- 22 Do hurry to my help,
O ^sYahweh^{ph}, my Salvation.
 ' Permanent'
 For Acclamation

A Davidic Psalm

- 39 I said, I will 'keep my ways from sinning~ 'i with my tongue;
I will ⁷place~ a muzzle 'over my mouth,
' As long as anyone wicked is in front of me.
- 2 I have become mute in stillness;
I hushed even from what is good,
+ Yet my pain was troubled more.
- 3 My heart kindled warm 'i within me;
A fire 'consumed in my soliloquy;

38:19 Q-- gratuitously: Hb living.

39:1 7-- 'place: Hb 'keep.

I spoke ⁱwith my tongue:

- 4 Acquaint me, O Yahweh, with my end
And the measure of my days—what it is.
Do let me realize ^whow quickly my leaving off can be.
- 5 Behold, You have ^gmade my days as handbreadths,
And my transient lifetime is as nothing in front of You.
Yea, all of humanity, standing up,
is ^{all}altogether a transitory breath.

Interlude

- 6 Yea, man ⁱwalks about, ⁱmerely an image;
Yea, they ⁱclamor about in vain
He ⁱpiles up goods
⁺but does not ^kknow ^awho will be gathering them in.
- 7 And now, what do I expect, O ^sYahweh^{ph}?
My waiting, it is for You!
- 8 Rescue me from all my transgressions;
Do not ⁱconstitute me the reproach
of the decadent one.
- 9 I have become mute;
I shall not open my mouth,
For You Yourself have ^dacted.
- 10 Withdraw Your touch from ^{on} me;
I' am ^{all}exhausted from the stirring up of Your hand.
- 11 You have disciplined man
ⁱwith corrections ^{on}for depravity,
And what he has covetedⁱ,
You are melting away like a moth.
Yea, all of humanity is a transitory breath.

Interlude

- 12 Do hear my prayer, O Yahweh,
And ^cgive ear to my imploring;
Do not be ⁱdeaf to my tears,
For with You, I am a sojourner,
An alien settler like all my fathers.
- 13 ^cTake Your probing heed from me ⁺that I may smile,
ⁱEre I shall go away and be no more.

ⁱ Permanentⁱ

A Davidic Psalm

- 40 Expectantly⁷ I have expected Yahweh,
 And He ⁷stretched out to me and ⁷heard my imploring;
 2 + He ^cbrought me ⁷up from the cistern of tumult,
 From the miry mud;
 +Then He ⁷raised my feet upon a crag;
 He has established my movement.
 3 +Now He is ^sputting a new song in my mouth,
 A hymn of praise to our Elohim.
 Many shall see it and shall fear,
 And they shall trust in Yahweh.
 4 Happy is the master who ^pmakes Yahweh his trust
 And does not countenance ⁷the audacious
 +Or those swerving to a lie.
 5 Many are Your marvelous⁷ works which You⁷ have done,
 O Yahweh my Elohim, +even Your designs for us.
 There is no one arranging⁷ them for You!
 Should I tell and should I speak of them,
 They are more plentiful ⁷than could be numbered⁷.
 6 Sacrifice and approach present You do not desire,
 7+Yet a body have You prepared^o for me.
 The ascent approach and sin offering You do not ask for.
 7 Then I said, Behold, I have come!
 In the roll of the scroll it is written⁷ ^{on}concerning me;
 8 I delight to do what is acceptable to You, my Elohim,
 And Your law is in the midst of my internal parts.
 9 I ^mbear tidings of righteousness in the vast assembly;
 Behold, I shall not close off my lips;
 O Yahweh, You⁷ know.
 10 Your righteousness I have not covered inside my heart;
 Your faithfulness and Your salvation I have ^{sa}affirmed;
 I have not suppressed Your benignity and Your truth
⁷from the vast assembly.
 11 You, O Yahweh, may You not close off
 Your compassion from me;
 May Your benignity and Your truth continually preserve me.

- 5 My enemies¹, they ^{sa}speak evil ²of me, saying,
When shall he die and his name ³perish?
- 6 And if one comes to see me, he ⁴speaks hypocrisy;
His heart ⁵musters lawlessness to itself;
He goes ⁶forth to those outside and ⁷speaks.
- 7 Together, all who are hating me ⁸whisper ^{on}against me;
^{on}Against me, they are devising evil for me, saying,
- 8 A decadent ^{sp}disease has been poured¹ out ²upon him,
³Now ^wthat he has lain down,
He shall not ⁴rise⁵ again.
- 9 Even the man bidding me peace, in whom I trusted,
Who was eating my bread,
has magnified his heel ^{on}against me.
- 10 ¹Yet You, O Yahweh, be gracious to me, and raise me up,
²That I may repay ³them.
- 11 ¹By this I know that You delight in me,
For my enemy¹ is not shouting in triumph over me.
- 12 ¹As for me, in my integrity You uphold ⁱ me,
And You ²station me before You for the eon.
- 13 Blessed¹ be Yahweh Elohim of Israel
From the eon and unto the eon.

Amen and Amen
¹Permanent¹

SCROLL TWO

Contemplating, For the Sons of Korah

- 42 As a deer is panting over the channels of water,
So is my soul panting for You, O Elohim!
- 2 My soul thirsts for Elohim, for the living El;
When shall I come and appear before Elohim?
- 3 My tears ^bwere my bread by day and night,
ⁱWhile they said¹ to me the entire day,
Where is your Elohim?
- 4 Let me ¹remember these things
²While I am pouring out my soul ^{on}within me:
¹How I would ¹pass along ⁱwith the assemblage;
I would ¹pilgrimage with them unto the House of Elohim,
ⁱWith voice of jubilant song and acclamation
among the celebrating throng.

- 5 ^wWhy are you 'prostrated, O my soul,
And why are you 'discomfited ^{on}within me?
Wait for Elohim, for I shall acclaim Him further,
The Grand Salvation of ⁷my countenance,
and my Elohim ^{cs}.
- 6 My soul, it is 'prostrated ^{on}within me;
Therefore I am remembering You
From the land of the Jordan
And the peaks of Hermon,
From the mount of Mizar.
- 7 Abyss to abyss is calling 'in the sound of Your cataracts;
All Your breakers and Your billows, they pass over me.
- 8 By day Yahweh 'enjoins His benignity,
And 'by night His song is with me,
A prayer to the El of my life.
- 9 I 'say to El, my Crag:
Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I 'walk in somberness'
'under the oppression of the enemy'?
- 10 'With murder 'against my bones,
My foes' reproached me,
'While they said' to me the entire day,
Where is your Elohim?
- 11 ^wWhy are you 'prostrated, O my soul,
And ^wwhy are you 'discomfited ^{on}within me?
Wait for Elohim, for I shall acclaim Him further,
The Grand Salvation of my countenance, and my Elohim.
- 43 Judge me, O Elohim, and do contend my cause
^fagainst an unkind nation.
From the man of deceit and iniquity, may You deliver me.
- 2 For You are the Elohim of my stronghold;
Why have You cast me off?
Why must I 'walk in somberness'
'under the oppression of the enemy'?
- 3 Send Your light and Your truth;

Let them' guide me;

Let them bring me to Your holy mountain
And to Your Grand Tabernacle.

- 4 +Then let me 'come to the altar of Elohim,
To the El of my exultant rejoicing,
And I shall acclaim You 'with the harp,
O Elohim, my Elohim.

- 5 ^wtWhy are you 'prostrated, O my soul,
And ^wtwhy are you 'discomfited ^{on}within me?
Wait for Elohim, for I shall acclaim Him further,
The Grand Salvation of my countenance, and my Elohim.
‛ Permanent'

For the Sons of Korah, Contemplating

- 44 O Elohim, 'with our ears we have heard;
Our fathers, they recounted it to us:
The deed You effected in their days, in the days aforetime.
- 2 You, by Your hand, You evicted the nations,
And You 'planted them there.
You 'brought 'evil to the national groups,
And You 'sent them in.
- 3 For neither 'by their sword did they tenant the land,
Nor did their arm 'bring salvation for them.
'But it was Your right hand and Your arm of power
and the light of Your countenance,
For You held them dear.
- 4 You are He, my King ⁷and my^c Elohim,
Who is ⁷determining~^c the grand salvation of Jacob.
- 5 'By You, we 'gored our foes;
In Your Name we 'trampled those rising against us.
- 6 'Hence I shall neither trust in my bow,
Nor shall my sword 'bring me salvation;
- 7 For You have saved us from our foes,
And those hating us You have 'put to shame.
- 8 In Elohim we will boast the entire day,
And Your Name we shall acclaim for the eon.

Interlude

- 9 Yet indeed, now You have cast ^Mus^c off
and are mortifying us;
+ You do not go ^forth, ⁷O Elohim^s, 'among our hosts.
- 10 You 'reverse us ^af^fbackward from the foe,
And those hating us rob for themselves.
- 11 You 'give us up like the flock, for food,
And 'among the nations You have winnowed us.
- 12 You 'sell Your people, 'yet not for wealth;
Nor are You increased 'by the price for them.
- 13 You 'constitute us a reproach to our neighbors,
A derision and a scoffing to those round about us.
- 14 You 'constitute us a proverbial byword 'among the nations,
A shaking of the head 'among the national groups.
- 15 The entire day my mortifying is in front of me,
And shame, it has ~covered~ my face,
- 16 'Because of the voice of the reproacher' and taunter',
'Because of the face of the enemy' and avenger'.
- 17 All this has come on us, +yet we have neither forgotten You,
Nor have we ^mdealt falsely 'with Your covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not turned away ^af^fbackward,
+Nor has our movement 'turned aside from Your path.
- 19 'But You have crushed us 'as a place of monsters,
And You 'cover us over 'with the shadow of death.
- 20 If we had forgotten the Name of our Elohim
And 'spread out our palms to an alien' el,
- 21 Would not Elohim Himself 'investigate this?
For He is knowing the obscured secrets of the heart.
- 22 For on Your account we are killed the entire day;
We are reckoned as a flock for slaughter.
- 23 Do rouse! Why do You 'sleep, O ^sYahweh^{ph}?
Do awake! Do not 'cast us off ' permanently.
- 24 Why are You concealing Your face?
Are You forgetting our humiliation and our oppression?
- 25 For our soul has been prostrated to the soil;
Our belly clings to the earth.

- 26 Do arise as our Help!
 And ransom us on account of Your benignity.
 ' Permanent!
 ^{on}Concerning Elations (Anemones)

For the Sons of Korah, Contemplating
 A Song of Darlings

- 45 My heart bubbles over with good words;
 I shall ^{sa}recite^l my ^dcompositions 'concerning the King;
 My tongue is the pen of a swift scribe^l.
 2 You are lovely /beyond the sons of humanity;
 Grace is poured out 'onto Your lips;
 Therefore Elohim has blessed You for the eon.
 3 Gird Your sword on ⁷Your^c thigh, O Master,
 Your splendor and Your honor.
 4 And in Your honor prosper, ride forth
 On ^{sp}behalf of truth and humility ⁷and^s righteousness;
 + Then may Your right hand direct You
 in fear inspiring deeds.
 5 Your arrows being whetted,
 Peoples shall fall ^ubeneath You,
 Struck in the heart of the King's enemies^l.
 6 Your throne, O Elohim, is for the eon and further;
 A scepter of equity is the scepter of Your kingdom.
 7 You love righteousness and 'hate wickedness;
 Therefore Elohim Your Elohim has anointed You
 With the oil of elation /beyond Your partners.^o
 8 All Your garments are myrrh and aloes ⁷and^s cassia;
 From ivory palaces, lutes rejoice You.
 9 Daughters of kings are 'among Your precious ones;
 The consort is stationed 'at Your right hand
 'with certified gold of Ophir.
 10 Hear, O daughter, and see, and stretch out your ear,
 And forget your people and the house of your father.
 11 + The King 'yearns for your loveliness,
 For He is your Lord; + worship ' Him.

- 12 + The daughter of Tyre comes ⁱwith an approach present,
The rich of the people are beseeching Your presence.
- 13 All glorious is the royal daughter while inside^d;
Her clothing is ⁱwith mountings of gold;
- 14 ⁱIn embroidered robes she is ⁱfetched to the King;
The virgins, her associates, are ^abehind her,
being brought to ^Mher^s.
- 15 They are ⁱfetched ⁱwith joy and exultation;
They ⁱcome into the palace of the King.
- 16 ^uInstead of your fathers shall ^bbe your sons;
You shall set them [']as chiefs [']through the entire earth.
- 17 I will ^cmake Your Name [']remembered
in every generation ⁺after generation;
Therefore the peoples, they shall acclaim You
for the eon and further.
[']Permanent'

For the Sons of Korah
^{on}Concerning [~]the Eons[~], A Song

- 46 Elohim is our Refuge and Strengtl,
A very [']providing Help in distresses.
- 2 Therefore, we shall not fear
[']when the earth is ^cmade to change[~],
⁺Or [']when the mountains slide[~] into the heart of the seas.
- 3 Its waters [']clamor; they [']foam;
The mountains [']quake [']at its swelling.
- Interlude
- 4 A river! Its rillels shall make the city of Elohim rejoice,
The holiest Grand Tabernacle of the Supreme.
- 5 Elohim is [']within it; it shall never slip;
Elohim shall help it [']at the presence[~] of the morning.
- 6 The nations clamor; the kingdoms slip;
He will give [']forth His voice; the earth shall dissolve.
- 7 Yahweh of hosts is with us;
Our Impregnable Retreat is the Elohim of Jacob.

45:14 M--s her: Hb you.

46 [title] --- the Eons: Hb Damsel Voices.

Interlude

- 8 Go; perceive the deeds of Yahweh,
Desolations which He has placed 'on the earth,
- 9 Who is 'making wars cease' unto the end of the earth.
He shall break the bow, and He cuts away the spear;
He shall burn the battle carts 'with fire.
- 10 Relax and know that I am Elohim;
I shall be exalted 'among the nations;
I shall be exalted in the earth.
- 11 Yahweh of hosts is with us;
Our Impregnable Retreat is the Elohim of Jacob.
 'Permanent'

For the Sons of Korah, A ⁷Davidic^s Psalm

- 47 All peoples, applaud with the palm;
 'Raise a joyful shout to Elohim
 'with the voice of jubilant song!
- 2 For Yahweh the Supreme is fear inspiring
The great King over the entire earth.
- 3 He ^{isp}subdued peoples under us,
And national groups under our feet.
- 4 He 'chose 'our allotment for us,
'The pride of Jacob whom He loves.

Interlude

- 5 Elohim ascended 'with a shout,
Yahweh 'with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Make melody ⁷to^s Elohim, make melody;
Make melody to our King, make melody.
- 7 For Elohim is King of the entire earth;
Make melody with intelligence'.
- 8 Elohim reigns over the nations;
Elohim, He sits on His holy throne.
- 9 The patrons of the peoples, they are gathered
⁷With the people^{~c} of the Elohim of Abraham,
For the ⁷prefects^{~c} of the earth belong to Elohim;
Exceedingly ascendant is He.

A Song
A Psalm for the Sons of Korah

- 48 Great is Yahweh, and praised¹ exceedingly
In the city of our Elohim, His holy mountain;
2 Lovely of undulation,
The elation of the entire earth is Mount Zion,
The flanks of the north, the town of the great King.
3 Elohim, in her citadels
He is known 'as an Impregnable Retreat.
4 For behold, the kings, they congregated;
They crossed over together.
5 They themselves saw, so they were amazed;
They were filled with panic; they hurried away.
6 Quivering had taken hold of them there,
Travail like one giving birth,
7 ^MLike^s the east wind,
Which 'broke up the ships of Tarshish.
8 Just as we had heard, so we saw,
In the city of Yahweh of hosts,
In the city of our Elohim.
Elohim, He shall establish it ^fr for the eon.

Interlude

- 9 O Elohim, we have mused upon Your benignity
ⁱ Within Your Temple.
10 As is Your Name, O Elohim, so is Your praise
^MUnto^c the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
11 Mount Zion shall rejoice,
The daughters^c of Judah shall exult,
On account of Your judgments, O ⁷Yahweh^{cs}.
12 Go around Zion, and encompass her;
Count off her towers;
13 Set your heart 'on her rampart;
Survey her citadels,

48:7 *M--s* Like: Hb In.

48:10 *M--c* Unto: Hb On.

48:11 daughters: or outskirts.

That you may ¹recount it to the ^{af}next generation.

- 14 For this is Elohim, our Elohim, for the eon and further;
He Himself shall lead us ⁷for the eons~.

¹ Permanent!

A Psalm for the Sons of Korah

- 49 Hear this, all ¹peoples!

^cGive ear, all dwellers¹ of this transience!

- 2 ^{mr}Both common sons of Adam ^{mr}and noted sons of man,
Rich and needy together.

- 3 My mouth, it shall speak wisdom,
And the soliloquy of my heart, understanding.

- 4 I shall stretch out my ear to a proverb;
I shall open out my enigma ¹with a harp.

- 5 Why should I fear in the days of peril,
When the depravity of my circumventers ¹surrounds me,

- 6 ¹Who are trusting ^{on}in their estate
And are boasting in the abundance of their riches?

- 7 ^{M v}Surely~^s it shall not ransom, yea ransom~ a man;
Neither shall one ^epay to Elohim his sheltering ransom,

- 8 (⁺For the ransom of ⁷his~ soul is too ¹precious a price,
And he shuns it for the eon)

- 9 ⁺That he should live further, ¹ permanently,
^MAnd^s not see the grave.

- 10 ¹Yet he ¹sees wise ones, even they ¹die;
The stupid one, together ⁺with the irrational one,
they ¹perish,

And they leave their estate to others.

- 11 Their ⁷tombs~^c are their houses for the eon,
Their tabernacles for generation ⁺after generation,
Those who had called ^{on} ⁷their^s grounds ¹after their names.

- 12 ⁺But the human, in his self-esteem,
is not ⁷understanding~^c at all;

48:14 7-- for the eons: Hb onto death.

49:7 M--s ^vSurely: Hb A brother.

49:8 7-- his: Hb their.

49:11 7--c tombs: Hb within.

49:12 7--c understanding: Hb lodging.

He is comparable ^{as}to the beasts that are dumb.

- 13 This is their way, their stupidity,
And of those after them, who 'approve 'of their mouthings.

Interlude

- 14 Like the flock, they are set for the unseen;
Death, it shall graze on them.
+ The upright shall sway 'over them 'in the morning;
+ Their form is for decay~, the unseen 'their^c / residence.
15 'Surely Elohim, He shall ransom my soul
from the hand of the unseen,
For He shall take hold of me.

Interlude

- 16 Do not 'fear 'when a man is 'enriched,
'When the glory of his house is 'increased,
17 For, in his death, he cannot 'take 'anything along;
His glory shall not descend after him.
18 For his soul, it was 'blessed in his lifetime,
(And they 'acclaim you
'while you are 'doing well for yourself)
19 Yet 'he~ shall come unto the generation of his fathers;
Unto permanence, they shall not see light.
20 The human, in his self-esteem, + is not understanding;
He is comparable ^{as}to the beasts that are dumb.

An Asaphic Psalm

- 50 El, Elohim, Yahweh,
He speaks and 'calls to the earth
From the rising of the sun unto its setting.
2 From Zion, the consummation of loveliness,
Elohim, He shines forth.
3 Our Elohim shall come,
And He shall certainly not be silent;
Fire, it shall devour before Him,
And round about Him it is very ^Mtempestuous~s.
4 He shall call to the heavens above

49:14 7--c their: Hb his.

49:19 7-- he: Hb she.

50:3 M--s tempestuous: Hb horrifies.

And to the earth, to adjudicate His people.

- 5 Gather my benign ones to Me,
Contractorsⁱ of a covenant with Me ^{on}by sacrifice.
- 6 ⁺Then the heavens shall tell of His righteousness,
For He, Elohim, is the Judgeⁱ.

Interlude

- 7 Do hear, My people, and let Me ⁱspeak;
⁺ Let Me ⁱtestify ⁱagainst you, Israel;
Elohim, your Elohim, am I.
- 8 Not ^{on}for your sacrifices shall I reprove you
⁺Or for your ascent offerings in front of Me continually.
- 9 I shall not take a young bull from your household,
Or he-goats from your folds.
- 10 For Mine is every animal of the wildwood,
And domestic beasts [~]by the thousands
ⁱon My mountains[~].
- 11 I know every flyer of ⁷the heavens^c,
And the mammal of the field is ^{wi}before me.
- 12 If I were famishing, I would not ^{is}a speak to you,
For the habitation is Mine, and its fullness.
- 13 Do I ⁱeat the flesh of bulls
And ⁱdrink the blood of he-goats?
- 14 Sacrifice to Elohim acclamation,
And pay to the Supreme your vows.
- 15 And call upon Me in the day of distress;
I shall liberate you, and you shall glorify Me.
- 16 ⁺Yet Elohim says to the wicked one,
What is it to you to recount My statutes,
⁺Or that you ⁱbear My covenant on your mouth?
- 17 ⁺For you, you hate admonition,
And you ⁱfling My words behind you.
- 18 If you see a thief, ⁺ you ⁱapprove ^{wi}of him,
And your portion is with those ^mcommitting adultery.
- 19 You have given your mouth free rein ⁱfor evil,
And your tongue, it is ⁱpaired with deceit.
- 20 You ⁱspeak [~]shame[~] ⁱagainst your brother;

50:10 --- by the thousands ⁱon My mountains: MT in mountains of thousand.

50:11 7-c the heavens: Hb the mountains.

50:20 --- shame: Hb you ⁱsit.

- You 'give out scandal 'against your mother's son.
 21 You do these things, +yet I 'keep silent;
 You imagined that I should become, yea become like you.
 I shall reprove you, and I will 'arrange the charge
 'before your eyes.
 22 ^{pr}Now understand this, you who are forgetting Eloah,
 Lest I should tear you to pieces, and there be no rescuer'.
 23 The one sacrificing acclamation is glorifying Me,
 +Thus he ^{pl}orders his way
 so that I may show him ⁱ the salvation of Elohim.
 'Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm

ⁱWhen Nathan the prophet came to him ^{as}after ^w he had come to Bath-sheba.

- 51 Be gracious to me, O Elohim, according to Your benignity;
 According to Your many compassions
 wipe out my transgressions.
 2 Rinse me abundantly from my depravity,
 And from my sin cleanse me.
 3 For I 'acknowledge my transgressions,
 And my sin is in front of me continually.
 4 'Against You, 'against You alone have I sinned
 And done 'what is evil in Your eyes,
 So that You may be 'justified 'when You speak',
 And be 'cleared 'when You judge'.
 5 Behold, I was 'with depravity when I was travailed in birth,
 And in sin when my mother conceived me.
 6 Behold, You delight in truth even in the hidden parts,
 And in the ⁷secret^c parts You cause me to 'know wisdom.
 7 'Expiate me 'with the hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 'Rinse me, and I shall be whiter ^fthan snow.
 8 'Let me 'hear elation and rejoicing;
 Let the bones You have crushed exult.
 9 Conceal Your face from my sins,
 And all my depravities wipe out.

- 10 Create for me a clean heart, O Elohim,
And renew ⁱ within me an establishedⁱ spirit.
- 11 O do not ⁱfling me from ^y Your presence,
And do not ⁱtake Your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Do restore to me the elation of Your salvation,
And ⁱstabilize me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Let me teach transgressorsⁱ Your ways,
⁺That sinners may return to You.
- 14 Rescue me from bloodguilt, O Elohim,
the Elohim of my salvation,
That my tongue may be jubilant at Your righteousness.
- 15 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, ⁱopen my lips,
⁺That my mouth may tell forth Your praise.
- 16 For You are not delighting in sacrifice, ⁺that I should give it;
An ascent approach You are not holding dear.
- 17 The sacrifices to Elohim are a brokenⁱ spirit;
A brokenⁱ and crushedⁱ heart, O Elohim,
You shall not despise.
- 18 In Your benevolence, ^cbring good ^tto Zion;
ⁱBuild up the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then You shall delight in righteous sacrifices,
ascent approach and wholly fumed offering;
Then young bulls shall be ^coffered up on Your altar.
^y Permanentⁱ

Contemplating, Davidic

ⁱWhen Doeg the Edomite came⁻ ⁺to ⁱtell ^y Saul, ⁺ ⁱsaying to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.

- 52 ^wWhy are you boasting in evil, O ^tmasterful man?
Only the benignity of El lasts the entire day.
- 2 Your tongue ⁱdevises woes,
Like a honedⁱ razor, you who ^dpracticeⁱ deceit.
- 3 You love evil rather ⁱthan good,
Falsehood rather ⁱthan speaking⁻ righteousness.

Interlude

- 4 You love all pernicious words,
O you deceitful tongue.

- 5 ^{mr}But El, He shall break you down ' permanently;
 He shall rake you up and tear you out from your tent,
 And He will root you out from the land of the living.

Interlude

- 6 +Then the righteous shall see and fear,
 And they shall ridicule ^{on} him ⁷and 'say⁰:
 7 ^{bd}Here is the master
 who is not ^{pl}making Elohim his stronghold,
 And is trusting in the vastness of his riches;
 He is strengthening himself 'by his works of woe.
 8 +Yet I am like an olive tree flourishing
 in the House of Elohim;
 I trust in the benignity of Elohim
 which lasts for the eon and further.
 9 I shall acclaim You for the eon, for You have ^dacted,
 And I shall expect in Your Name, for it is good,
 Doing this in front of Your benign ones.

' Permanent'

^{on}Concerning a Chorus

Contemplating, Davidic

- 53 The decadent one says in his heart, There is no Elohim.
 They have ^cbecome corrupt and abhorrent with iniquity;
 There is no one doing good.
 2 Elohim, He gazes down from the heavens
 on the sons of humanity,
 To see whether there is anyone ^cacting intelligently,
 Anyone seeking after 'Elohim.
 3 Everyone has turned away;
 Together they are spoiled;
 There is no one doing good;
 There is not even one.
 4 Have they no^t knowledge, these contrivers' of lawlessness,
 Who are devouring My people as they would devour bread?
 They do not call upon Elohim.
 5 There they were afraid with alarm
 when no^t alarm ^bwas present,

- For Elohim, He had dispersed the bones
 of the foe encamping against you;
 You ^cput them to shame, for Elohim rejected them.
 6 ^aO ^gthat the grand salvation of Israel
 would come from Zion,
ⁱWhen Elohim will reverseⁿ the captivity of His people!
 Let Jacob exult! Let Israel rejoice!
[’]Permanent[’], ⁱWith Accompaniments

Contemplating, Davidic

ⁱWhen the Ziphites cameⁿ and ⁱsaid to Saul, Is not David
 concealing himself ^{wi}among us?

- 54 O Elohim, save me ⁱby Your Name,
 And ⁱadjudicate me ⁱby Your mastery.
 2 O Elohim, hear my prayer;
 Do ^cgive ear to the sayings of my mouth.
 3 For aliens[’], they rise ^{on}against me,
 And terrifiers, they seek my soul;
 They do not ^pset Elohim in front of them.

Interlude

- 4 Behold, Elohim is my Helper[’];
^sYahweh^{ph} is ⁱ the Grand Supporter[’] of my soul.
 5 Let ⁱevil turn back ⁱagainst those who lie in wait[’] for me;
ⁱBy Your truth efface them.
 6 ⁱWith a volunteer offering will I ⁱsacrifice to You;
 I shall acclaim Your Name, O Yahweh, for it is good.
 7 For He rescues me from all distress,
 And my eye sees the fate ⁱof my enemies[’].
[’]Permanent[’], ⁱWith Accompaniments

Contemplating, Davidic

- 55 Do ^cgive ear, O Elohim, to my prayer,
 And do not ⁱobscure Yourself from my supplication.
 2 Do attend to me and answer me;
 I am ^cpressed ⁱdown ⁱby my concern.
 3 And I am ⁱdiscomfited ^{3f}by the voice of the enemy[’],
ⁱBecause of the pressure of the wicked.

For they are slipping lawlessness upon me
And are assailing me in anger.

- 4 My heart, it is travailing ⁱ within me,
And dreadings of death have fallen upon me.
- 5 Fear and quivering ⁱ come ⁱ over me,
And shuddering ⁱ covers me.
- 6 + I ⁱ said, ^a O ^g that I ⁱ had pinions like a dove;
I would ⁱ fly away and ⁱ tabernacle in serenity.
- 7 Behold, I would bolt away ⁱ afar;
I would ⁱ lodge in the wilderness.

Interlude

- 8 I would ⁱ hurry to a place of deliverance for me,
Away from the gusting wind and from the tempest.
- 9 Do away with them, O ^sYahweh^{ph}; befuddle their tongue,
For I see Violence and Contention in the city.
- 10 By day and night they ^m go ⁱ round about it on its walls,
And Lawlessness and Misery are ⁱ within it.
- 11 Woes are ⁱ within it,
And Fraud and Deceit do not ⁱ remove from its square.
- 12 For it is not an enemy ⁱ who is reproaching me;
+ Then I could ⁱ bear it;
It is not one hating me who magnifies himself ^{on} against me;
+ Then I could ⁱ conceal myself from him;
- 13 + But it is you, a mortal ^{as} of my own rank,
My mentor and my close acquaintanceⁱ.
- 14 We who together ⁱ made ⁱ sweet deliberation,
We ⁱ walked ⁱ with the foregathering crowd
in the House of Elohim.
- 15 May death lure them ^{on} away;
May they descend to the unseen alive,
For evils are ⁱ among them in their sojourning.
- 16 As for me, I am calling to Elohim,
And Yahweh, He is saving me.
- 17 Evening, + morning and noon I ⁱ importune and ⁱ clamor,
And He ⁱ hears my voice.
- 18 He ransoms my soul in peace from the attack ⁱ against me,
Though ⁱ many have come to be ^{wi} against me.
- 19 El shall hear, and He shall answer them,

The Dweller' from aforetime.

Interlude

He 'in Whom there are no changes:

⁺Yet they do not fear Elohim.

20 He[◇] has put forth his hands

ⁱagainst those at peace with him;

He has profaned his own covenant.

²¹ Words from his mouth are slicker ^fthan clotted cream,

⁺Yet an attack is planned in his heart;

His words are more soothing ^fthan oil,

+Yet they are unloosed swords!

22 Fling your granted burden on Yahweh,

And He Himself shall ^{all}sustain you;

He shall not allow the righteous to slip for the eon.

23 And You, O Elohim, You shall bring them down

to the well of ruin,

These mortals of bloodshed and deceit,

Who shall not live half their days;

⁺As for me, I am trusting in You.

'Permanent'

^{on}Concerning the Mute Dove Afar

A Davidic Inscribed Psalm

'When the Philistines held' 'him in Gath.

56 Be gracious to me, O Elohim, for a mortal gasps after me;

All day long this fighting man is oppressing me.

² They gasp, those who lie in wait¹ for me the entire day,

For many are fighting 'against me haughtily.

³ The day when I am fearing

I' am trusting 'in You.

⁴ In Elohim, I am praising His word;

In Elohim I trust; I shall not fear;

What can flesh 'do to me?

⁵ All day long they are wresting my words;

All their devisings are ^{on} against me for evil.

⁸ They are stirring up plots; they are lurking;

- They' are keeping track of my heel prints,
 As ^wthough they expected to take my soul.
 7 ~Mete out~ to them ^{on}according to their lawlessness;
 In anger ^cbring down the peoples, O Elohim.
 8 You Yourself keep number of my wanderings;
 Do place my tears in Your skin bottle;
 Are they not recorded in Your scroll?
 9 Then my enemies^l shall turn ^afaway in the day I^l call out;
 This I know: that Elohim is for me.
 10 In Elohim I shall praise the word;
 In Yahweh I shall praise the word;
 11 In Elohim I trust;
 I shall not fear;
 What can a human ^ldo to me?
 12 O Elohim, I am ^{on}under vows to You;
 I shall pay acclamation offerings to You.
 13 For You have rescued my soul from death,
 And not also my feet from foundering?
 'That I may walk~ before Elohim in the light of the living.
 ^l Permanent^l
 O Do Not ^cBring ^lRuin!

A Davidic Inscribed Psalm

'When he ran away~ from the face of Saul into the cave.

- 57 Be gracious to me, O Elohim, be gracious to me;
 For in You my soul takes refuge,
 And in the shadow of Your wings shall I take refuge
 Until the woes ^lpass away.
 2 I am calling to Elohim Supreme,
 To El Who is perfecting ^{on}for me.
 3 He shall send from the heavens and save me;
 He will reproach the one gasping after me;
 Interlude
 Elohim shall send His benignity and His faithfulness.
 4 My soul is in the midst of parent-lions;
 Let me confidently ^llie among flaming foes,
 even sons of humanity;

Their teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.

- 5 O be exalted over the heavens, O Elohim;
Let Your glory be over the entire earth!
6 They have prepared a net for my footsteps;
My soul is bent down;
They have dug a pit before me,
Yet they have fallen into its midst.

Interlude

- 7 My heart is established', O Elohim, my heart is established';
I will 'sing and make 'melody.
8 Do rouse, O my glory;
Do rouse, O 'zither and harp.
I will 'rouse the dawn.
9 I shall acclaim You 'among the peoples, O ^sYahweh^{ph};
I shall make melody 'among the national groups.
10 For Your benignity is great unto the heavens,
And Your faithfulness unto the skies.
11 O be exalted over the heavens, O Elohim,
Let Your glory be over the entire earth!

' Permanent'

O Do Not 'Bring 'Ruin!

A Davidic Inscribed Psalm

- 58 ⁷Nevertheless~ — ⁷if⁰ you were truly pronouncing justice,
You would 'judge with equity, O sons of humanity.
2 Indeed, in heart you are contriving iniquity;
With your hands you are meting out violence 'on earth.
3 From the womb, the wicked are estranged;
From the belly, they stray who are speaking a lie.
4 Their venom is ^{as} like the venom of a serpent,
Like a deaf cobra that has 'contracted its ear,
5 ^wThat will not 'hearken to the sound of those intoning,
Or of one charming with a wise' charming.
6 O Elohim, demolish their teeth in their mouth;
Wrench out the fangs of the sheltered lions, O Yahweh.

- 7 May they ⁷melt~ like waters 'going away to their place;
May He position His arrows ^{as wt}that they be 'snipped off;
- 8 Like a slug melting away as it 'goes along;
Like the stillborn of a woman,
they will fail to perceive the sun.
- 9 ⁱEre ^Mtheir~^c pots could 'detect the boxthorn fire,
Like a ~thistle~, like a ~prickly acanthus~,
He shall ~toss him away in a tempest~.
- 10 The righteous one shall rejoice
'when he perceives the vengeance;
He shall bathe his footsteps in the blood of the wicked one.
- 11 ⁺Then mankind shall say, Yea, there is fruit
for the righteous;
Yea, there is an Elohim Who is judging in the earth!
'Permanent'
O Do Not ^cBring 'Ruin!

A Davidic Inscribed Psalm

'When Saul sent~, and they 'kept watch over the house to
'put him to death.

- 59 Rescue me from my enemies', O my Elohim;
From those rising against me,
may You make me impregnable.
- 2 Rescue me from those contriving lawlessness,
And from men of bloodshed, save me.
- 3 For behold, they wait in ambush for my soul;
Strong men are stirring up plots ^{on}against me,
But not for my transgression and not for my sin, O Yahweh.
- 4 Without depravity of mine, they are running
and preparing themselves;
Do rouse to meet me and see this.
- 5 ⁺Yea, You, O Yahweh Elohim of hosts, Elohim of Israel,
Do awake to call all the nations to account;
O do not be 'gracious to any
who are treacherous' with lawlessness.

58:7 7.-- melt: Hb be fetid.

58:9 M--c their: Hb your; --- thistle: Hb live green; --- prickly acanthus: Hb burning hot; --- toss him away in a tempest: Hb horrify him.

Interlude

- 6 They are returning 'each evening, 'clamoring like curs
And ^mgoing round about the city.
- 7 Behold, they are uttering growls 'with their mouth;
Swords are 'on their lips, saying, ' ^aWho is hearing?
- 8 + Yet You, O Yahweh, You shall ridicule ' them;
You shall deride ' all the nations.
- 9 O 'my~^s Strength, I will 'keep watch for You,
For Elohim is my Impregnable Retreat.
- 10 The Elohim of benignity to me shall go before me;
Elohim, He shall 'let me see the fate 'of those
who lie in wait' for me.
- 11 Do not 'kill them lest my people should forget;
'By Your potent power, 'make them rove,
And 'bring them down, O our Shield, ^sYahweh^{ph}.
- 12 For the sin of their mouth, the word of their lips,
+ May they be seized in their pomp;
And 'because of the execration
and ^f sham which they are rehearsing,
- 13 ^{all}Finish them in fury; ^{all}finish them
+ until they are no more;
+ Then they shall know that Elohim is Ruler' in Jacob
To the limits of the earth.

Interlude

- 14 + They are returning 'each evening, clamoring like curs
And ^mgoing round about the city;
- 15 They' shall rove for food',
And if they are not 'satisfied, + then they shall grumble.
- 16 + But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength
And be jubilant 'each morning over Your benignity;
For You ^bare the Impregnable Retreat for me,
And my Haven in the day of my distress.
- 17 O my Strength, to You am I making melody,
For Elohim is my Impregnable Retreat,
Elohim of benignity to me.

' Permanent'

^{on}Concerning Elation, A Testimony

A Davidic Inscribed Psalm
For Teaching[~]

'When he ravaged[~] 'Aram-naharaim^o and 'the Syrian Zobah,
and Joab 'returned and 'smote 'Edom in the salt ravine,
twelve thousand.

- 60 O Elohim, You have cast us off;
You have breached forth upon us;
You have been angry;
May You turn back to us.
- 2 You have 'made the earth quake;
You have riven it;
Heal its breaks, for it has slipped.
- 3 You have shown Your people hardship;
You have 'made us drink wine
that causes trembling.
- 4 You have given to those fearing You a banner
For flight[~] from the face of 'the bow^{~c}.

Interlude

- 5 That Your beloved ones may be 'liberated,
Do save with Your right hand and so answer me.
- 6 Elohim, He has spoken in His holiness:
I shall ~ascend~;
I shall apportion out Shechem,
And I shall measure off the vale of Succoth.
- 7 Mine is Gilead, and Mine is Manasseh,
And Ephraim is the stronghold of My head;
Judah is My statute-maker^l;
- 8 Moab is My washbasin;
^{on}Unto Edom shall I fling My sandal;
^MOver Philistia shall I shout in triumph^{~cs}.
- 9 ^aWho shall escort me to the fortified city?
^aWho will guide me unto Edom?

60 [title] 'Aram-naharaim: lit., 'Syria of the two streams (cf Dt 23:4).

60:4 7.-c the bow: Hb verity.

60:6 ~- ascend: Hb be joyous.

60:8 M--cs Over Philistia shall I shout in triumph: Hb O Philistia, shout ^{on}because of Me (cf Ps 108:9).

- 10 O Elohim, have You Yourself not cast us off?
And shall You not go forth,
O Elohim, 'with our hosts?
11 Do grant to us help from distress,
+For salvation from a human is futile.
12 'With Elohim shall we do valiantly,
+For He Himself shall trample our foes.
' Permanent'
onWith Accompaniment

Davidic

- 61 Do hear my appeal, O Elohim;
Do attend to my prayer.
2 From the outmost part of the land am I calling to You
'while my heart droops';
'Guide me 'to a rock that is 'higher /than I.
3 For You have become my Refuge,
A strong Tower /before the face of the enemy'.
4 Let me 'sojourn in Your tent for the eons;
Let me take refuge in the concealment of Your wings.
Interlude

- 5 For You, O Elohim,
You have hearkened to my vows;
You have given me the tenancy
of those fearing Your Name.
6 'Add days onto the days of the king,
His years asfor wt generation +after generation.
7 May he dwell for the eon before Elohim;
Assign benignity and faithfulness
that they may preserve him.
8 So let me make 'melody to Your Name for the future,
To pay my vows day by day.
' Permanent', onFor Acclamation

A Davidic Psalm

- 62 yOnly 'in Elohim is my soul stilled;
From Him comes my salvation.

- 2 He ^yonly is my Rock and my Salvation,
My Impregnable Retreat; I shall not slip more.
- 3 How ^{fr}long shall you foes be hostile ^{an}against a man,
All of you, that ⁷you may murder him^s,
As though he were a slanting sidewall
Or a foundering stone dike?
- 4 They intrigue ^yonly to trip him up from his dignity;
They ¹approve of lies;
¹With ⁷their^{cs} mouth they ¹bless,
⁺Yet ⁱ within them, they are maledicting.

Interlude

- 5 ^yOnly ¹in Elohim be still, O my soul,
For from Him comes my expectation.
- 6 He ^yonly is my Rock and my Salvation,
My Impregnable Retreat; I shall not slip.
- 7 On Elohim rest my salvation and my glory;
The rock of my strength, my refuge is in Elohim.
- 8 Trust in Him ¹at all time, O people;
Pour out your heart before Him;
Elohim is our Refuge.

Interlude

- 9 Common sons of Adam are ^yonly a transitory breath,
Noted sons of man a lie;
If ¹ brought up ⁱon the scales,
They are less ^fthan a transitory breath altogether.
- 10 Do not ¹trust in extortion,
And in pillage, do not place ¹vain hope;
Though your estate be producing,
do not ¹set your heart on it.
- 11 Once Elohim has spoken;
Two times have I heard this:
That strength belongs to Elohim,
- 12 And to You, O ^sYahweh^{ph} belongs benignity,
For You Yourself shall pay ¹each man
according to his ^ddeeds.

62:3 7--s you may murder him: MT you shall be murdered.

62:4 7--cs their: Hb his.

A Davidic Psalm

'When he ^bwas⁻ in the wilderness of Judah.

63 O Elohim, You are my Ell Early am I ^mseeking You.

My soul thirsts for You; my flesh craves for You,

'Like a land arid and faint, without water.

2 So longing, in the Sanctuary, I envisioned You,

^b ^{see}Beholding⁻ Your strength and Your glory;

3 For Your benignity is better ^fthan ⁼life itself.

My lips, they shall laud You.

4 So shall I bless You in all my ⁼life.

In Your Name shall I lift up my palms,

5 As ^wwith fatness and richness my soul shall be satisfied,

And with jubilant lips my mouth shall praise.

6 ⁱWhen I remember You on my berth,

In night vigils shall I soliloquize ⁱabout You.

7 For You became my Help,

And in the shadow of Your wings shall I be jubilant.

8 My soul clings ^ato You;

Your right hand upholds ⁱ me.

9 ⁺As for those who are seeking my soul for its ruination,

May they come into the nether parts of the earth.

10 Those who would ^ttopple him^o down

^{on}by means of the sword,

May they become an assigned portion for jackals.

11 ⁺Yet the king is rejoicing in Elohim.

Everyone [']who is swearing ⁱby Him shall boast,

'But the mouth of those speaking falsehood

shall be held in check.

^b Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm

64 Hear, O Elohim, my voice in my concern;

From alarm of the enemy' ⁱpreserve my life.

2 'Conceal me from the deliberation of evildoers',

From the foregathering of the contrivers' of lawlessness,

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword;

63:10 him: i.e., the king of v.11.

- They position their arrow — a bitter word —
 4 To shoot at the flawless ⁱfrom concealment.
 Suddenly they ⁱshoot at him and do not ⁱfear.
 5 They are encouraging ⁱthemselves in an evil matter;
 They are recounting plans to bury traps;
 They say, ^aWho shall see ⁱ^Mus^c?
 6 They are searching into iniquity,
 Saying, We will finish a thorough^{io} search.
⁺ The inward thought of each and the heart are deep.
 7 ⁺Yet Elohim shall shoot an arrow at them.
 Suddenly smittings will ^bcome on them,
 8 And they shall stumble by it:
 their own tongue ^{on}against them.
 All seeing ⁱ them shall bolt away,
 9 And every human shall fear.
⁺Then they shall tell of Elohim's deeds
 And will contemplate His ^dhandiwork.
 10 The righteous one shall rejoice in Yahweh,
 And he will take refuge in Him.
 And all the upright of heart shall praise.
ⁱ Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm, A Song

- 65 To You ⁷behooves^{i-c} praise, O Elohim, in Zion,
 And to You shall be paid the vow ⁷in Jerusalem^o.
 2 O Hearerⁱ of prayer,
 Unto You all flesh shall come.
 3 When matters of depravity have mastery ^fover ⁷us^s,
 Our transgressions, You Yourself shall make
 a propitiatory shelter for them.
 4 Happy is he whom You are choosing
 and are ^mbringing near;
 He shall tabernacle in Your courts.
 We will be ⁱsurfeited with the goodness of Your House,

64:5 *M--c* us: Hb them.

64:6 thoroughⁱ: lit., searching.

65:1 *7--c* behoovesⁱ: MT stillness.

65:3 *7--s* us: Hb me.

- The holiness of Your Temple.
- 5 By fear inspiring deeds, shall You answer us
in righteousness, O Elohim of our salvation,
The Trust of all the ends of the earth and the sea afar,
- 6 Establishing the mountains ⁱby His vigor,
Being belted ⁱwith mastery,
- 7 Becalming the tumult of the seas,
The tumult of their billows and clamor
of the national groups.
- 8 And the dwellers' of the ends shall fear
ⁱbecause of Your signs;
The breaking forth of the morning and evening
You shall cause to be jubilant.
- 9 You will supervise the land and shall make it flourish;
Much shall you enrich it.
The rillet of Elohim will fill with water.
You shall ^{so}provide their grain, for thus shall You prepare it.
- 10 You will soak^c its furrows and settle^c its slashes;
ⁱWith showers shall You soften it;
Its sprouting shall You bless.
- 11 You will crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your rounds shall drip with richness.
- 12 The oases of the wilderness shall drip richly,
And with exultation the hills shall be girded.
- 13 The meadows will be clothed with the flock,
And the vales, they shall droop with cereal grain.
They shall raise a joyful shout! Indeed, they shall sing!
ⁱPermanent'

A Song, A ^MDavidic^s Psalm

- 66 ^cRaise a joyful shout for Elohim, all the earth!
- 2 Make melody for the glory of His Name!
^pⁱMake glorious His praise!
- 3 Say to Elohim, ^wⁱHow fear inspiring are Your doings!
ⁱBecause of the vastness of Your strength
Your enemies' shall cower ^bbefore You.
- 4 All the earth shall bow down to You
and shall make melody to You.

They shall make melody to Your Name.

Interlude

- 5 ^goCome and see the deeds of Elohim;
 Fear inspiring is His activity ^{on}to the sons of humanity.
 6 He turns the sea to dry land.
 In the stream they are passing ⁱon foot.
 There let us ^rejoice in Him.
 7 Ruling ⁱby His mastery for the eon,
 His eyes shall watch ⁱamong the nations.
 Let not the stubborn ⁱexalt ^rthemselves.

Interlude

- 8 Bless our Elohim, O peoples,
 And ^cmake the sound of His praise heard!
 9 The One placing our souls ⁱamong the living,
 And Who does not ^aallow our feet to slip.
 10 For You test us, O Elohim;
 You refine us like refined ^rsilver.
 11 You bring us into a fastness;
 You place pressure ⁱon our waists.
 12 You cause a mortal to ride ^rover our head.
 We come ⁱthrough fire and ⁱthrough water,
 + Yet You are ^cbringing us forth into satiation.
 13 I shall come to Your House ⁱwith ascent offerings.
 I shall pay my vows to You,
 14 Concerning which my lips opened wide,
 And my mouth spoke in my distress.
 15 Ascent offerings of the full-fed shall I ^cbring up to You
 With the fumes of rams.
 I shall ^doffer the ox with he-goats.

Interlude

- 16 ^goCome, hear, all who fear^r Elohim,
 And let me ^recount ^wwhat He does for my soul.
 17 To Him I call with my mouth,
 And He is exalted ^uwith my tongue.
 18 If I had ^{see}regarded lawlessness in my heart,
^sYahweh^{ph} would not ^rhear.
 19 But Elohim surely hears
 And attends ⁱto the sound of my prayer.

- 20 Blessed¹ be Elohim,
 Who neither ^ctakes away my prayer
⁺Nor withholds His benignity from ^ˈme.
^ˆPermanent¹, ⁱWith Accompaniments

A ⁷Davidic^s Psalm, A Song

- 67 May Elohim be gracious to us and bless us;
 May He light up His face ^ˈtoward us.

Interlude

- 2 ^ˈIn knowing^ˈ Your way in the earth,
 Your salvation ⁱamong all nations,
 3 May the peoples acclaim You, O Elohim!
 May the peoples acclaim You—all of them!
 4 May the national groups rejoice and be jubilant,
 For You shall judge the peoples with equity,
 And You shall guide the national groups in the earth.

Interlude

- 5 May the peoples acclaim You, O Elohim;
 May the peoples acclaim You—all of them!
 6 The earth, it has given its crop;
 Elohim, our Elohim, is blessing us.
 7 Elohim is blessing us,
 And all the limits of the earth shall fear ^ˈHim.
^ˆPermanent¹

A Davidic Psalm, A Song

- 68 Elohim shall arise! His enemies¹ shall be scattered,
 And those hating Him shall flee from His presence!
 2 Like the whisking away^ˈ of smoke
 shall ⁷they be whisked away^{ˈc};
 Like the melting^ˈ of wax from the face of fire,
⁷So⁰ shall the wicked perish from the presence of Elohim.
 3 ⁺Yet the righteous shall rejoice;
 They shall be glad before Elohim,
 And they shall be elated ⁱwith rejoicing.
 4 Sing to Elohim! Make melody ⁷to^{cs} His Name!

68:2 7--c they be whisked away: Hb You whisk away.

- Make a highway in the plains for the Rider¹;
 In Yah, His Name, ⁺ be joyous before Him,
 5 The Father of orphans and Adjudicator of widows,
 Elohim in His holy habitation.
 6 Elohim is causing the lonely to dwell at^d home,
^cBringing forth the bound into successes.
^yBut the stubborn¹ tabernacle in a glaring land.
 7 O Elohim, ⁱat Your going forth[~] before Your people,
ⁱAt Your march[~] in the desolation:
 Interlude
 8 The earth quaked. ^mIndeed, the heavens dropped
^fat the presence of Elohim,
 As Sinai [~]was in commotion[~] ^fat the presence of Elohim,
 the Elohim of Israel.
 9 A liberal downpour were You waving, O Elohim;
 Your allotment, ⁺when it was tired,
 You Yourself established it.
 10 Your living ones, they will dwell in it;
 You are ^{so}providing, in Your goodness,
 for the humble, O Elohim.
 11 ^sYahweh^{ph} Himself ¹gave the saying;
 The women who ^mbore the tidings¹ were a vast host;
 12 Kings of hosts, they ¹bolted away; they ¹bolted away,
 And she in the homestead house ¹apportioned the loot.
 13 ⁱThough you may lie between the hearthstones,
 The dove's wings are overspread¹ ⁱwith silver,
 And her pinions ⁱwith greenish gold dust.
 14 ⁱWhen He Who-Suffices spread[~] kings about in it,
 It ¹snowed in Zalmon.
 15 The mountain of Elohim is the mountain of Bashan;
 A lofty mountain is the mountain of Bashan.
 16 Why are you looking askance, lofty mountains,
 At the mountain Elohim covets for His dwelling[~]?
 Indeed, Yahweh Himself
 shall tabernacle there ^y permanently.
 17 The chariots of Elohim are myriads—repeated thousands.
^sYahweh^{ph} is ⁱamong them, as in Sinai in the holy place.

- 18 You ascend 'on high,
 You capture captivity,
 You ~apportion^c gifts ⁱamong mankind,
 And also for the stubbornⁱ, to tabernacle with Yah Elohim.
 19 Blessedⁱ be ^sYahweh^{ph}.
 Day by day shall He lade good 'upon us,
 The El of our salvation.

Interlude

- 20 Our 'El is an El 'of grand salvation,
 And to Yahweh, my Lord, belong the exits 'from death.
 21 Yea, Elohim Himself shall transfix the head of His enemies',
 The hairy scalp of him who walks' in his guilty acts.
 22 ^sYahweh^{ph} has said, I shall restore from Bashan;
 I shall restore from the swamps of the sea,
 23 That you may ⁷bathe^{~cs} your foot in blood,
 And the tongue of your curs may have
 ~its assignment~ /of the enemies'.
 24 They have seen Your processions, O Elohim,
 The processions of my El, my King, in the Sanctuary.
 25 Singers' precede, after them the players',
 In the midst of the damsels playing the tambourine.
 26 Bless Elohim in the great assembly,
^sYahweh^{ph} from the fountain of Israel.
 27 There Benjamin the junior is holding sway over them,
 The chiefs of Judah and their ~great foregathering~.
 The chiefs of Zebulun, the chiefs of Naphtali.
 28 Your Elohim has determined your strength.
 O Elohim, do strengthen this that You have effected for us
 29 From Your Temple ^{on}at Jerusalem.
 Let kings fetch an indemnity to You.
 30 Rebuke the animal of the reeds,^c
 The crowd of bulls ⁱamong the calves of the peoples,
 Debasing themselves for ~gold ore and~ silver;
⁷Dissipate^c the peoples who are delighting in attacks.

68:18 --c apportion: Hb take (cf Ep 4:8).

68:23 7.-cs 'bathe: Hb 'transfix; ~- its assignment: MT from it.

68:27 --- great foregathering: Hb pelting.

68:30 animal of the reeds: a figure of Egypt; ~- gold ore and: Hb ⁱwith splinters of;

7.-c Dissipate: MT He dissipates.

- 31 Let envoys arrive from Egypt;
Let Nubia run with its hands stretched out to Elohim.
- 32 Kingdoms of the earth, sing to Elohim!
Make melody ^Mto^{cs} ^SYahweh^{ph},
Interlude
- 33 To the Rider^l in the heavens of heavens aforetime!
Behold, He shall ^gsend ⁱout His voice, a strong voice.
- 34 ^gAscribe strength to Elohim;
Over Israel is His augustness,
And His strength is in the skies.
- 35 Fear inspiring is Elohim from ⁷His[~] grand sanctuary;
The El of Israel, He^l gives strength and staunchness
to ⁷His^c people.
Blessed^l be Elohim!

⁷ Permanent^l

^{on}Concerning Elations (Anemones)

Davidic

- 69 Save me, O Elohim, for waters come unto ⁷my^o soul!
- 2 I sink in the mire of a swamp,
and there is no standing ground.
I come into deep waters, and the surge engulfs me.
- 3 I am weary ⁱwith all my calling[~]; my throat is ^{hot}parched.
My eyes have ^{all}failed, waiting for my Elohim.
- 4 Multiplied more ^fthan the hairs of my head
are those hating me gratuitously;
Plentiful are those ^cseeking to efface me,
my enemies^l, dealing falsely.
^cMust I ^lrestore then ^wwhat I have not pillaged?
- 5 O Elohim, You^l know ⁷my folly,
And my guilty acts are not suppressed from You.
- 6 Let not those expecting You be put to ^lshame
ⁱthrough me, O my Lord, Yahweh of hosts!
Let not those seeking You be ^lmortified
ⁱthrough me, O Elohim of Israel!
- 7 For on Your account I bear reproach;

Mortification covers my face.

- 8 I have become an alien¹ to my brothers
And a foreigner to the sons of my mother.
- 9 For the zeal of Your House, it devours me,
And the reproaches of those reproaching You,
they fall on me.
- 10 +When I ¹lament ¹by the fasting of my soul,
+ It ¹becomes ¹a reproach ¹against me;
- 11 +When I ¹make my clothing of sackcloth,
+ I ¹become ¹a proverb to them.
- 12 Those sitting in the gateway are mulling ¹over me,
And those drinking intoxicants make me
the accompaniment of their songs.
- 13 +As for me, my prayer is to You,
O Yahweh, for a season acceptable.
O Elohim, in Your great benignity, answer me
¹with the faithfulness of Your salvation.
- 14 Rescue me from the mud, and let me not ¹sink;
Let me be rescued from those hating me,
and from the depths of the waters.
- 15 Let not the surge of the water be engulfing me,
+ Let not the swamp be swallowing me up,
And let not the well be blocking off its mouth over me.
- 16 Answer me, O Yahweh, for Your benignity is good;
Turn toward ¹me according to Your many compassions.
- 17 + Do not ¹conceal Your face from Your servant,
For distress is mine; quickly answer me.
- 18 Come near to my soul ⁷and⁰ redeem it;
On account of my enemies¹, ransom me.
- 19 You Yourself know my reproach
and my shame and my mortification;
In front of You are all my foes¹.
- 20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I do feel my ¹mortality;
+ I ¹expect one to sympathize, and there is none,
And look for comforters¹, +yet I find not one.
- 21 + They ¹give me poison in my repast,
And for my thirst they cause me to ¹drink vinegar.
- 22 Let their table become ¹a trap before them,

- And 'a repayment and 'a snare.
- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, kept from seeing,
And 'let their waist be bowed low continually.
- 24 Pour out Your indignation upon them,
And let Your hot anger overtake them.
- 25 Let their domicile become desolate';
Let no' one 'b be dwelling in their tents.
- 26 As for You, they persecute those whom You have smitten,
And they are recounting 'the pain of those wounded by You.
- 27 Do 'bestow depravity on their depravity,
And let them not 'come into Your righteousness.
- 28 Let them be wiped out from the scroll of life,
And let them not be 'written with the righteous.
- 29 + I am humbled and pained'.
Your salvation, O Elohim — may it make me impregnable.
- 30 I will 'praise the Name of Elohim 'with a song,
And I shall magnify Him 'with acclamation.
- 31 + It shall be better to Yahweh 'than an ox
Or a young bull, horned' 'and^{cs} hooped'.
- 32 The humbled will see, 'and^{cs} they shall rejoice.
All those seeking after Elohim, let your heart revive.
- 33 For Yahweh is hearkening to the needy,
And He does not despise 'His prisoners.
- 34 Let the heavens and the earth praise Him,
The seas and all moving about in them.
- 35 For Elohim shall save Zion
And shall rebuild the cities of Judah.
+Then they will dwell there and 'tenant it,
- 36 And to the seed of His servants shall they allot it,
And those loving His Name shall tabernacle in it.
'Permanent'

Davidic, For Remembrance⁻

- 70 O Elohim, 'come to rescue me!
O Yahweh, do hurry to my help!
- 2 May they be ashamed and abashed,
who are seeking my soul;

- May they be turned away ^{af}backward and mortified,
the ones desiring evil to me.
- 3 May they turn back ^{on}in consequence of their shame,
'who are saying ⁷to me^{cs}, Ahal Ahal!
- 4 Let them be elated and rejoice in You, all
who are seeking You;
And let them say continually,
May Elohim be magnified, who are loving Your salvation.
- 5 ⁺Yet I am humbled and needy;
O Elohim, do hurry to me!
My Help and my Deliverance¹ are You;
O Yahweh, do not ¹delay!
- 71 In You, O Yahweh, I take refuge.
Let me not be ¹ashamed for the eon!
- 2 In Your righteousness, ¹rescue me and ¹deliver me.
Stretch out Your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Become mine for a Rock,
a ⁷Stronghold^s to come to continually.
You have determined to save me,
For You are my Crag and my Fastness.
- 4 My Elohim, deliver me from the hand of the wicked,
From the clutch of the iniquitous¹ and [~]violent¹ one.
- 5 For You are my Expectation, O my Lord Yahweh,
My Trust from my youth.
- 6 ^{on}By You have I been supported from the belly;
From the internal parts of my mother,
You have been ^Qmy Strength¹.
In You is my praise continually.
- 7 I have become like a portent to many,
⁺Yet You are my strong Refuge.
- 8 My mouth is ¹filled with Your praise,
The entire day, with Your beauty.
- 9 O do not ¹fling me away ¹at the time of my old age;
^{as}When my vigor is ^{all}exhausted¹, O do not ¹forsake me.

71:3 7--s Stronghold: Hb Habitation.

71:4 --- violent¹: Hb soured.

71:6 Q-- my Strength¹: Hb shearing me.

- 10 For my enemies¹ ^{sa}commune 'against me,
 And those keeping watch against my soul intrigue together,
 11 'Saying~, Elohim Himself has forsaken him;
 Pursue and grasp him, for there is no rescuer'.
 12 O Elohim, O do not be 'far from me!
 My Elohim, do hurry to my help!
 13 Let the adversaries¹ of my soul be ashamed ⁷and^s ^{all}finished;
 Let those seeking evil to me be muffled
 with reproach and mortification.
 14 ⁺As for me, I shall continually wait,
 And I will add onto all Your praise.
 15 My mouth, it shall recount Your righteousness,
 The entire day, Your salvation,
 for I do not know their number.
 16 I shall come 'with praise of the masterful deeds of my Lord;
 O Yahweh, I shall mention Your righteousness, Yours alone.
 17 O Elohim, You have taught me from my youth,
 And ^{bd}hitherto am I telling of Your marvelous¹ works.
 18 ⁺ Even ^{fr}when I am old and greyhaired,
 O Elohim, do not 'forsake me,
 Until I should tell of Your arm of power
 to the next generation,
 Of Your masterful deeds to all who shall come.
 19 ⁺ Your righteousness, O Elohim, reaches unto the height,
 You Who have done great things;
 O Elohim, ^aWho is like You?
 20 You Who have ^cmade me see distresses, many and evil,
 You shall 'again revive me;
⁺ You shall 'again ^cbring me up from the abyss of the earth.
 21 You shall increase ⁷Your~ greatness,
 And You shall surround and comfort me.
 22 I ^{mr}too, I shall acclaim You for Your faithfulness
 'with the zither instrument, my Elohim;
 I will make 'melody to You 'with the harp,
 O Holy One of Israell
 23 My lips shall be jubilant 'when I make 'melody to You,
⁺Even my soul, which You have ransomed.

- 24 Moreover, my tongue shall soliloquize
of Your righteousness the entire day.
For they will be ashamed;
'indeed those seeking evil to me will be abashed.

Solomonic

- 72 O Elohim, [#]bestow Your right judgments 'on the king,
And Your righteousness 'on the royal son.
2 May he adjudicate Your people 'with righteousness,
And Your humbled ones 'with redress.
3 May the mountains bear peace for the people,
And the hills blossom 'with righteousness.
4 May he redress the humbled of the people;
May he save ' the sons of the needy
And crush the exploiter'.
5 'He shall 'abide long~ ^{wi}as the sun
And before the moon, generation after generations.
6 He shall descend like rain on the grassland,
Like showers, drenching the earth.
7 'Righteousness~^{cs} shall bud in His day,
And abundant peace until the moon is no more.
8 + He shall hold sway from sea unto sea,
And from the stream unto the limits of the earth.
9 Before Him His 'foes~ shall bow,
And His enemies' shall lick up the soil.
10 The kings of Tarshish and the coastlands
shall render a tributary present;
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer levy.
11 And all the kings shall bow down to Him;
All nations shall serve Him.
12 For He shall rescue the needy one imploring,
And the humbled one, +when there is no helper' for him.
13 He shall be a refuge ^{on}for the poor and needy one,
And the souls of the needy shall He save.
14 From fraud and from violence shall He redeem their soul,

72:5 7-- He shall 'abide long: Hb They shall fear You.

72:7 7--^{cs} Righteousness: Hb The righteous one.

72:9 --- foes: Hb desert-tribes.

- And their blood shall be precious in His eyes.
 15 ⁺So may He live;
⁺ May one give to Him from Sheba's gold,
 And may one pray about Him continually;
 May the entire day bless Him.
 16 There shall come to be a plenitude of cereal in the earth
ⁱto the summit of the mountains.
 Its fruit shall rustle like Lebanon,
 And they ^fof the city shall blossom like herbage of the earth.
 17 His Name shall ^bremain for the eon;
 Before the sun shall His Name be propagated,
 And all nations shall bless themselves in Him
 and ^mcall Him happy.
 18 Blessedⁱ be Yahweh, Elohim, the Elohim of Israel,
 Doing marvelousⁱ works by Himself alone,
 19 And blessedⁱ be His glorious Name for the eon!
⁺ 'The entire earth shall be filled with His glory!
 Amen and Amen.
 20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are ^{all}ended.

SCROLL THREE

An Asaphic Psalm

- 73 ^ySurely Elohim is good to Israel,
 To those who are pure of heart.
 2 ⁺As for me, my feet had almost turned aside;
 My movement was nearly made useless.
 3 For I was jealous ⁱof those who are boasting;
 I was seeing the well-being of the wicked.
 4 For there are no hindrances [~]for them;
 Robust[~] and plump is their physique.
 5 They are not involved in the toil of a mortal,
 And they are not [']touched by ills with humanity.
 6 Wherefore pride is their [~]necklace;
 Violence is draping [']about them like a burnoose.
 7 Their eye protrudes from fat;
 Vain fancies pass through their heart.

73:4 --- for them; Robust: MT to their death.

- 8 They belittle and speak ⁱwith evil intent;
From their height they are ^{sp}plotting extortion.
- 9 They set their mouth in the heavens,
And their tongue is going ⁱabout the earth.
- 10 Wherefore His people are turning away thither,
And waters of intemperance are being wrung out [']by them.
- 11 And they say, How can El know?
And is there knowledge in the Supreme?
- 12 Behold, these are the wicked!
⁺Even these at ease eonian, who ^cmake their estate huge.
- 13 ^ySurely for nought have I purged my heart
And have been washing my palms in innocency.
- 14 ⁺ I ^{'b}am touched' by ills the entire day,
And my correction begins [']in the mornings.
- 15 If I had said, I will [']endorse things like ^{wi}this,
Behold, I would be treacherous to a generation of Your sons.
- 16 ⁺When I am attempting to realize this,
It is toil in my eyes,
Until I am coming to the Grand Sanctuary of El;
Then I am understanding what is [']in their hereafter.
- 18 ^ySurely You shall set ['] them down in slippery places;
You will cast them into ruinations.
- 19 How they will become ['] a desolation, as in a moment!
They will be swept up; they will be finished [']by decadence!
- 20 Like a dream [']when one is waking,
O ^sYahweh^{ph}, ⁱwhen rousing,
You shall lay waste their phantom.
- 21 For my heart was [']soured,
And in my innermost being I was [']pricked.
- 22 ⁺ I was irrational, and I was [']ignorant;
I became like the beasts ^{wi}before You.
- 23 ⁺Yet I am continually with You;
You hold me [']by my right hand.
- 24 ⁱBy Your counsel are You guiding me,
And afterward You shall take me into glory.
- 25 ^aWho do I [']have in the heavens but You?
And ^{wi}besides You, none do I desire ⁱon earth.
- 26 ^{all}Exhausted is my flesh, and my heart;

- The Rock of my heart and my Portion is Elohim for the eon.
 27 For behold, those who are far from You, they shall perish;
 You will efface all who prostitute¹ away from You.
 28 *As for me, it is good for me to be near Elohim;
 I have set my refuge in my Lord Yahweh,
 To recount all Your ⁷praises
 In the gateways of the daughter of Zion⁰.

Contemplating, Asaphic

- 74 Why, O Elohim, have You cast us off ⁷ permanently?
 Shall Your anger smolder long
ⁱagainst the flock of Your pasture?
 2 Remember Your congregation,
 which You acquired aforetime,
 Which You redeemed as the tribe of Your allotment,
 Mount Zion, in which You tabernacled.
 3 Do raise up Your footsteps unto the permanent ruins,
 All the evil the enemy¹ has ^cdone in the Sanctuary.
 4 Your foes¹ roar ⁱ within Your appointed place;
 They ^pset up their ensigns as signs.
 5 ⁷They hacked to pieces[~] like men ⁱⁿwielding ⁷ upward
 With hatchets into a thicket of trees.
 6 And now its engraved panels altogether
 They are battering ⁱwith crowbar and bills.
 7 They send up Your Sanctuary in fire;
 Down to the earth they profane
 the Tabernacle of Your Name.
 8 They say in their heart, We shall tyrannize them together;
 They burn all the appointed places of El in the land.
 9 Our signs we cannot see;
 There is no prophet any ^{fr}more,
 And not one [`]of us is knowing what is ^{fr}still ahead.
 10 How ^{fr}long, O Elohim, shall the foe reproach?
 Shall the enemy¹ spurn Your Name ⁷ permanently?
 11 Why are You turning back Your hand,
⁺even Your right hand?

73:28 7-0 praises In the gateways of the daughter of Zion: Hb works (cf Ps 9:14).

74:5 7-- They hacked to pieces: Hb It is 'known.

- Take it from within Your bosom and ^{all}finish them.
- 12 +Yet Elohim is my King from aforetime,
Who is effecting saving works ⁱ within the earth.
- 13 You Yourself partitioned the sea ⁱby Your strength;
You broke the heads of the sea monsters ^{on}in the waters.
- 14 You Yourself bruised the heads of the dragon;
You ⁱgave it as food to a people, to desert-tribes.
- 15 You Yourself rent open spring and watercourse;
You Yourself dried up the perennial streams.
- 16 Yours is the day; indeed Yours is the night;
You Yourself established the luminary and the sun.
- 17 You Yourself stset up all the boundaries of the earth;
Summer and winter, You Yourself formed them.
- 18 Remember this: the enemyⁱ has reproached
You, O Yahweh,
And the decadent people have spurned Your Name.
- 19 O do not ⁱgive the soul of Your turtledove
to the wild animals;
O do not ⁱforget the life of Your humbled onesⁱ permanently.
- 20 Look to ⁱYour^c covenant,
For haunts of violence fill the dark places of the land.
- 21 O do not let the crushed turn away mortifiedⁱ;
The humbled and needy, may they praise Your Name.
- 22 Do rise, O Elohim, do contend Your cause;
Remember the reproach against You the entire day
ⁱby the decadent.
- 23 O do not ⁱforget the voice of Your foesⁱ;
The tumult of those rising against You
is ascending continually.
- ⁱ Permanentⁱ
O Do Not ^cBring ⁱRuin

An Asaphic Psalm, A Song

- 75 We acclaim ⁱ You, O Elohim;
We acclaim, ⁱfor Your Name is near;
Your marvelousⁱ works recount it.
- 2 You say, 'When I ⁱtake up the appointed time,
I Myself shall judge with equity;

- 3 Though the earth is undermined',
 and all those dwelling in it,
 I Myself steady its columns.

Interlude

- 4 I say to those boasting, Do not 'boast;
 And to the wicked, Do not 'exalt the horn.
 5 You must not 'exalt your horn to the heights,
 Or 'speak 'with an impertinent neck.
 6 For no' one from the sun's coming forth +or from the west,
 And no' one from the wilderness can exalt~ a man;
 7 For it is Elohim Who is judging;
 This one He is abasing, and this one He is exalting.
 8 For a cup is in the hand of Yahweh,
 And the wine foams; it is fully blended,
 And He shall spill / this out;
 Yea, its lees shall all the wicked
 of the earth squeeze and drink.
 9 +As for me, I shall 'exult~ for the eon;
 I will make 'melody to the Elohim of Jacob.
 10 And I shall hew down all the horns of the wicked;
 The horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

' Permanent'

'With Accompaniments

An Asaphic Psalm, A Song

- 76 He Who is known' in Judah is Elohim;
 In Israel His Name is great.
 2 + His covert 'b is in Salem
 And His habitation in Zion.
 3 There He breaks the flaming arrows of the bow,
 The shield and sword +of the battle.

Interlude

- 4 Resplendent' are You,
 More noble /than the mountain ranges of prey.
 5 The sturdy of heart are looted;
 They slumber in their last sleep,

And none of the men of valor can use their hands.

- 6 ^fAt Your rebuke, O Elohim of Jacob,
Stupefied¹ are ⁺both rider and horse.
- 7 You, indeed You are fear inspiring,
And ^awho may stand before You
from [~]the strength of [~]Your anger?
- 8 From the heavens have You announced adjudication;
The earth, it feared and was quiet,
- 9 ⁱWhen Elohim rose[~] for judgment,
To save all the humbled of the earth.

Interlude

- 10 For the fury of humanity, it is acclaiming You;
The remainder of the fury ⁷shall celebrate to You[~].
- 11 Vow and pay to Yahweh your Elohim;
Let all who are around Him fetch an indemnity
to the fear inspiring One.
- 12 He shall restrict the spirit of governors,
He Who is fear inspiring to the kings of the earth.
⁷ Permanent'
On Acclamation

An Asaphic Psalm

- 77 My voice went forth to Elohim; ⁺ let me cry out;
My voice went forth to Elohim
⁺that He would ^cgive ear to me.
- 2 In the day of my distress I sought after ^sYahweh^{ph};
At night my hand was stirred up in prayer,
And it would not ¹give way;
My soul refused to be consoled[~].
- 3 I ¹remembered Elohim, ⁺yet I was ¹discomfited;
I ¹meditated, ⁺yet my spirit ¹drooped.

Interlude

- 4 You held open the guardians of my eyes;
I was agitated, and I could not ¹speak.
- 5 I ^mtook account of the days from aforetime,

76:7 --- the strength of: Hb then.

76:10 7.-- shall celebrate to You: Hb You shall gird.

- The years of the eons, saying,
 6 Let me remember my ⁷soliloquy^{~c} in the night;
 Let me meditate with my heart.
⁺So my spirit ¹searched, saying,
 7 Shall ^sYahweh^{ph} cast off for the eons,
 And shall He not continue to be benevolent any ^{fr}more?
 8 Has His benignity reached its limit ⁷permanently?
 Has the ^{sq}promise reached an end
 for generation ⁺after generation?
 9 Has El forgotten to be gracious?
^{if}Or has He shut off His compassions in anger?

Interlude

- 10 ⁺Yet I am saying, This is the ground of my beseeching:
 The years of the right hand of the Supreme;
 11 I shall remember all the activity of Yah;
¹Indeed I shall remember Your ⁷marvelous works^{~cs}
 from aforetime.
 12 ⁺Thus I soliloquize ¹on ⁷all Your deeds^{~cs},
 And ¹on all Your activity, let me meditate.
 13 O Elohim, Your way is in holiness;
^aWho is a great El like ⁷our^c Elohim?
 14 You are the El Who ^dperformed¹ a marvel;
 You ^cmade Your strength known ¹among the peoples.
 15 ¹With ⁷Your^c arm of power You redeemed Your people,
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Interlude

- 16 The waters saw You, O Elohim;
 The waters saw You, and they ¹travailed;
 Indeed the abyss was ¹disturbed.
 17 Thick clouds were made to storm down waters;
 The skies ^gcast forth their voice;
 Indeed Your arrows ^{1ko}flew about.
 18 The voice of Your thunder was in the cyclone;
 Lightning bolts lit up the habitance;
 The earth was disturbed and ¹quaked.

77:6 7-~c soliloquy: Hb accompaniment.

77:11 7-~cs marvelous works: Hb marvelous work.

77:12 7-~cs all Your deeds: Hb Your every deed.

- 19 Your way was 'through the sea,
 And Your trails led 'through vast waters,
 + Yet Your heel-prints were not known.
 20 You guided Your people like a flock,
 'By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Contemplating, Asaphic

- 78 Do 'give ear, my people, to my law;
 Stretch out your ear to the sayings of my mouth.
 2 I will 'open my mouth 'with a proverb;
 I will 'utter enigmas from aforetime,
 3 Which we have heard, and we 'know them,
 And our fathers, they have recounted to us.
 4 We shall not suppress them from their sons,
 Recounting to the ^{af}next generation the praises of Yahweh,
 And His strength and His marvelous' works
^wthat He has done.
 5 + For He 'set up a testimony in Jacob,
 And He placed a law in Israel,
 Which He enjoined `on our fathers
 To 'make them known to their sons,
 6 That the ^{af}next generation may know,
 The sons who shall be born;
 They shall rise and recount them to their sons.
 7 + Thus they shall place their confidence in Elohim,
 And they shall not forget all the activity of El,
 And His instructions shall they preserve.
 8 + Then they shall not become like their fathers,
 A generation stubborn' and rebellious',
 A generation that had neither established its heart,
 Nor was its spirit faithful `to El.
 9 The sons of Ephraim, though weaponed' archers',
 They turned back in the day of attack.
 10 They did not keep the covenant of Elohim,
 And in His law they refused to walk.
 11 + They 'forgot all His activity
 And His marvelous' works ^wthat He had shown them.
 12 In front of their fathers He had ^dperformed a marvel,

In the country of Egypt, the field of Zoan:

- 13 He rent the sea and caused them to 'pass over,
And He 'made the waters 'stand up like a waterspout.
- 14 + He 'guided them 'with a cloud by day,
And all the night 'with a light of fire.
- 15 He 'rent rocks in the wilderness
And 'let 'them^c 'drink as from the abyss, abundantly.
- 16 + He 'brought 'forth floods' from a crag,
And He 'made the water 'descend like streams.
- 17 + Yet they 'continued ^fstill to sin 'against Him,
To rebel against the Supreme in an arid place.
- 18 + They 'probed El in their heart
'By requesting' food for their soul.
- 19 + So they 'spoke 'against Elohim; they said,
Is El 'able to arrange a table in the wilderness?
- 20 Behold, He smote the rock, and waters 'gushed out,
And the watercourses 'overflowed,
^mBut is He 'able to give bread?
'Or can He 'prepare meat for His people?
- 21 Wherefore Yahweh heard, and He was 'enraged,
And a fire was ignited 'against Jacob,
And ^mindeed anger ascended 'against Israel.
- 22 For they did not believe in Elohim,
And they did not trust in His salvation.
- 23 + Yet He 'enjoined the skies ^fabove,
And He opened the double doors of the heavens.
- 24 + He 'rained on them manna to eat,
And He gave 'them grain of the heavens.
- 25 Each one ate bread of sturdy ones;
He sent provision to them, to satisfaction.
- 26 He 'made an east wind to 'journey in the heavens,
And He 'drove forth a south wind 'by His strength.
- 27 + So He 'rained meat on them like soil dust,
And the winged flyer like sand of the seas.
- 28 And He 'cast them down 'within His camp,
Round about 'His Grand Tabernacle.
- 29 + They 'ate and were 'surfeited exceedingly,
And He 'brought all their yearning to them.

- 30 Yet they were not alienated from their yearning;
Their food was ^fstill in their mouth,
- 31 +When the anger of Elohim ascended ⁱagainst them;
+ He ⁱkilled ⁱthe stoutest of them,
And the choice ones of Israel He [~]cut off~.
- 32 In spite of all this they ^fstill sinned
And believed not in His marvelous' works.
- 33 +So He ⁱall^lended their days in failure,
And their years in panic.
- 34 ⁱWhenever He killed them, + then they sought after Him,
And they returned and ^msought early for El.
- 35 +Then they ⁱremembered that Elohim is their Rock,
And El, the Supreme, is their Redeemer'.
- 36 +Yet they would ⁱentice Him ⁱwith their mouth
And ⁱlie to Him ⁱwith their tongue.
- 37 + Their heart, it was not established' ^wi^before Him,
And they were not faithful ⁱto His covenant.
- 38 +Yet He was compassionate;
He made a propitiatory ⁱshelter for depravity,
And He did not ^cbring ⁱruin;
+ He ^cacted many times to reverse His anger,
And He would not ⁱrouse all His fury.
- 39 + He ever ⁱremembered that they were flesh,
A wind going + that is not returning.
- 40 How often they ⁱdefied Him in the wilderness;
They ⁱgrieved Him in the desolation.
- 41 + They were ⁱagain and again ⁱprobing El,
And the Holy One of Israel they ^cset as a mark.
- 42 They did not remember ⁱHis hand:
The day ^wwhen He ransomed them from the foe,
- 43 ^wWhen He placed His signs in Egypt,
And His miracles in the field of Zoan.
- 44 + He ⁱturned their waterways to blood,
+So they could ⁱdrink from their flowings no more.
- 45 He ⁱsent a mixture of flies ⁱamong them,
and it ⁱdevoured them,
And the frog plague, and it ⁱruined them.

- 46 + He 'gave their crop over to the beetle,
And the fruit of their labor to the locust.
47 He 'killed their vine 'with hail,
And their mulberry trees 'with sleet.
48 + He 'closed their livestock over to hail,
And their cattle to siroccos.
49 He 'sent 'upon them the heat of His anger,
Rage and menace and distress,
A mission of the messengers of perils,
50 Who 'aligned a track for His anger;
He did not keep back their soul from death,
And He closed their life over to the plague.
51 + Then He 'smote every firstborn in Egypt,
The beginning of virility in the tents of Ham.
52 + But He 'made His people to 'journey like a flock,
And He 'led them like a drove in the wilderness.
53 + He 'guided them, in trust, and they were not afraid,
+ Yet the sea covered 'their enemies'.
54 + Thus He 'brought them to His holy territory,
This hill country that His right hand had acquired.
55 + He 'drove out the nations /before them,
And He 'allocated to them their allotment 'by the line.
+ He 'enabled Israel's tribes to 'tabernacle in their tents.
56 + Yet they 'probed and 'defied 'Elohim, the Supreme,
And they did not keep His testimonies.
57 + They were 'turned away and 'treacherous
like their fathers;
They were warped like a deceptive bow.
58 + They 'provoked Him to vexation 'with their high-places,
And they 'made Him 'jealous 'with their carvings.
59 Elohim heard, and He was 'enraged,
And He utterly 'rejected 'Israel.
60 + Then He 'abandoned the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent He had made to tabernacle 'among humanity.
61 + He 'sent His strength into captivity,
And His beauty into the hand of the foe.
62 + He 'closed His people over to the sword,
And He was 'enraged 'with His allotment.

- 63 Fire devoured their choice young men,
And their virgins had no^t nuptial song.
64 Their priests fell ⁱby the sword,
⁺Yet their widows could not ⁱlament.
65 ⁺Then ^sYahweh^{ph} ⁱawoke as from sleep,
Like a master jubilantⁱ from wine.
66 ⁺He ⁱsmote His foes ^a/backward;
He gave ⁺them an eonian reproach.
67 ⁺He ⁱrejected ⁱthe tent of Joseph,
And did not choose ⁱthe tribe of Ephraim.
68 ⁺Yet He ⁱchose ⁱthe tribe of Judah,
ⁱMount Zion, which He loves;
69 And He ⁱbuilt His Sanctuary like the heightsⁱ of heaven,
Like the earth ⁱthat He founded for the eon.
70 ⁺He ⁱchose ⁱDavid, His servant,
And He ⁱtook him from the folds of the flock;
71 From following the ewesⁱ, He brought him
To shepherd ⁱJacob, His people,
And ⁱIsrael, His allotment.
72 ⁺So he ⁱshepherded them ⁱin^{cs} the integrity of his heart,
And ⁱby the understanding of his palms, he ⁱguided them.

An Asaphic Psalm

- 79 O Elohim, the nations have entered ⁱYour allotment;
They have defiled ⁱYour holy Temple;
They have ^p/turned ⁱJerusalem into rubbish heaps.
2 They have given ⁱthe carcasses of Your servants as food
for the flyer of the heavens,
The flesh of Your benign ones
to the wild animal of the earth.
3 They have poured out their blood like water,
around Jerusalem,
And there was no one entombing them.
4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
A derision and a scoffing to those round about us.
5 ^{wt}How ⁱlong, O Yahweh?
Shall You be angry ⁺permanently?

- How long shall Your jealousy consume like a fire?
 6 Pour out Your fury 'on the nations ^wthat do not know You,
 And on kingdoms ^wthat do not call 'on Your Name.
 7 For ⁷they^{~cs} have devoured 'Jacob,
 And they have desolated 'his homestead.
 8 Do not 'hold 'against us the depravities
 of former generations;
 Let Your compassions quickly confront us,
 For we are very impoverished.
 9 Help us, O Elohim of our salvation,
 on behalf of the glory of Your Name;
 + Rescue us and make a propitiatory shelter
 over our sins on account of Your Name.
 10 Why should the nations say, Where is their Elohim?
 Let it be made known 'among the nations 'before our eyes:
 Vengeance for the shed' blood of Your servants.
 11 May the groaning of the bound one come before You;
 According to the greatness of Your arm
 reserve the sons of death.^o
 12 + Turn back sevenfold to our neighbors, into their bosom,
 Their reproach with which they reproached You,
 O ^sYahweh^{ph}.
 13 +Then we, Your people and the flock of Your pasture,
 We shall acclaim ' You for the eon;
 For generation +after generation
 we shall recount Your praise.
 ' Permanent'
 'Concerning Elations (Anemones), A Testimony

An Asaphic Psalm

- 80 O Shepherd' of Israel, do ^cgive ear;
 You Who are leading Joseph like a flock,
 Who are dwelling ⁷over^o the cherubim, do shine forth.
 2 Before Ephraim, + Benjamin and Manasseh,
 Do rouse 'Your mastery,

79:7 7--cs they: Hb it.

79:11 sons of death: i.e., those in danger of death.

- And do ^{go}come to our salvation.
- 3 O Elohim, restore us,
And light up Your face so ⁺that we may be saved.
- 4 O Yahweh Elohim of hosts,
How ^{fr}long will You smolder
ⁱagainst the prayer of Your people?
- 5 You have fed them the bread of tears;
You have ⁺even ^cmade them [']drink ⁱtears by the bowlful.
- 6 You ^{'pl}make us a quarrel to our neighbors,
And our enemies['], they [']deride [']us^{~cs}.
- 7 O Elohim of hosts, restore us,
And light up Your face so ⁺that we may be saved.
- 8 You caused a vine to [']journey from Egypt;
You [']drove out the nations, and You [']planted it.
- 9 You cleared out the way before it,
So ⁺that it [']rooted its roots and [']filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow,
And the cedars of El by its boughs.
- 11 It [']sent its harvest branches unto the Sea,
And its young shoots to the Stream.
- 12 Why have You breached its stone dikes,
So ⁺that all who are passing by the way nip off its fruit?
- 13 The boar from the wildwood [']gorges on it,
And the field mammal, it grazes upon it.
- 14 O Elohim of hosts, return, I pray;
Look down from the heavens and see,
And note this vine,
- 15 ⁺Even the sprig ^wthat Your right hand has planted;
And watch over the son
You have made resolute for Yourself.
- 16 It is burned['] ⁱwith fire, obliterated['];
^fAt the rebuke of Your countenance they are perishing.
- 17 May Your hand ^brest on the man of Your right hand,
On the son of humanity
whom You have made resolute for Yourself.
- 18 ⁺Then we shall not turn away from You;
May You revive us so ⁺that we shall call ⁱon Your Name.

- 19 O Yahweh Elohim of hosts, restore us;
 Light up Your face so ⁺that we may be saved.
[']Permanent', On the Wine Trough

Asaphic

- 81 Be jubilant to Elohim, our Strength;
^cRaise a joyful shout to the Elohim of Jacob!
 2 Lift up a melody, and ^gsound forth the tambourine,
 The pleasant harp with the zither.
 3 Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
 In the full moon for the day of our celebration.
 4 For it is a statute for Israel,
 An ordinance [']of the Elohim of Jacob.
 5 He ^pestablished it as a testimony in Joseph,
[']When He went forth over the country of Egypt.
 There I ^o was hearing from the lip
 of the One Whom I had not known, saying:
 6 I have withdrawn his back from its burden;
 His palms, they were ^pfreed from the panner.
 7 You called in distress, and I [']liberated you;
 I [']answered you [']out of the concealment
 of the thundercloud;
 I [']tested you ^{on}at the waters of Meribah.

Interlude

- 8 Hear, My people, and I will [']testify [']among you;
 O Israel, if you would but [']hearken to Me;
 9 An alien [']el shall not ^bcome [']among you,
 And you shall not bow down to a foreign el.
 10 I, Yahweh, am your Elohim,
[']Who ^cbrought you up [']from the country of Egypt;
^cOpen wide your mouth, and I shall fill it.
 11 ⁺Yet My people would not hearken to My voice,
 And Israel would not comply [']with Me.
 12 ⁺So I ^mlet them [']go in the obduracy of their own heart;
 They [']went in their own counsels.
 13 O that My people were hearkening to Me,

- And Israel were walking in My ways!
 14 Soon I would cause their enemies' to 'submit,
 And I would 'reverse My hand ^{on} against their foes.
 15 Those hating Yahweh, they shall cower 'before Him,
 And their season for this shall ^bbe for the eon.
 16 +Yet He shall feed him^o /with the fat of the wheat;
 +With honey from the rock shall I satisfy you.

An Asaphic Psalm

- 82 Elohim is stationedⁱ in the congregation of El;
ⁱ Among the elohim is He judging:
 2 How ^flong shall =you judge with iniquity
 And lift up the faces of the wicked?

Interlude

- 3 Redress the poor and the orphan;
 To the humbled and destituteⁱ ^cgrant justice.
 4 Deliver the poor and the needy;
 From the hand of the wicked, ^cgive rescue.
 5 (They[^] do not know and are not understanding;
 In darkness are they walking about;
 All the foundations of the earth are slipping.)
 6 I Myself have said: you are elohim,
 And sons of the Supreme are all of you.
 7 ^{so}Yet you shall die like common humanity,
 And like any other of the chiefs you shall fall.
 8 Do arise, O Elohim; do judge the earth;
 For it is You Yourself Who shall have the allotment
 'of all the nations.

A Song, An Asaphic Psalm

- 83 O Elohim, let there not be silence 'on Your part;
 Do not be 'silent, and do not be 'quiet, O El.
 2 For behold, Your enemies', they are clamoring,
 And those hating You, they lift up their head.
 3 ^{on}Against Your people are they ^ccarrying on deliberation
 in 'craftiness,

81:16 him: i.e., faithful Israel.

82:5 They: i.e., elohim=arbiters or judges (cf Ex 21:6; 22:8,9).

- And they are intriguing ^{on}against Your secluded^l ones.
 4 They say, ^{go}Come, and let us suppress them ^fas a nation,
⁺That the name of Israel not be [']remembered any ^{fr}more.
 5 For they have intrigued in heart together;
^{on}Against You are they contracting a covenant,
 6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
 Moab and the Hagarites,
 7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,
 Philistia with the dwellers^l of Tyre;
 8 ^{mr}Even Assyria is allied with them;
 They have become an arm to the sons of Lot.

Interlude

- 9 Do to them as You did to Midian, as to Sisera,
 As to Jabin [']at the Wadi Kishon:
 10 They were exterminated [']at Endor;
 They became manure for the ground.
 11 As for their patrons, set them down like Oreb and like Zeeb,
 And all their sovereigns like Zebah and like Zalmunna,
 12 Who said, Let us tenant for ourselves
[']The oases of Elohim.
 13 O my Elohim, set them aside like tumbleweed,
 Like straw before the wind.
 14 Like fire that [']consumes the wildwood,
 And like a blaze that ^msets the mountains [']afame,
 15 So [']pursue them [']with Your tempest
 And ^mfill them with panic [']with Your sweeping whirlwind.
 16 Fill their faces with dishonor,
 So ⁺that men shall seek Your Name, O Yahweh.
 17 May they be ashamed and filled with [']panic ^{fr}for the future,
 And may they be abashed and perish,
 18 So ⁺that men may realize that You,
 You, Whose Name is Yahweh, Yours alone,
 Are the Supreme over all the earth.
[']Permanent^l, On the Wine Trough

For the Sons of Korah, A Psalm

- 84 ^{wt}How endearing is Your Grand Tabernacle,
 O Yahweh of hosts.

2 My soul longs and ^{mr all}consumes for the courts of Yahweh;
My heart and my flesh, they are appealing to the living El.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
In which she sets her broods—
'So also Your altars, O Yahweh of hosts,
My King and my Elohim.

4 Happy are those dwelling in Your House;
They shall ^fcontinually praise You.

Interlude

5 Happy is the human whose strength is in You;
Pilgrim highways are in their heart.

6 As they are passing 'through the vale of aspen,
⁷He is ^{s set}making it a vale of springs;
^{mr}Indeed the former rain is muffling it with blessings.

7 They 'go from rampart to rampart
Till each 'appears 'before Elohim in Zion.

8 O Yahweh Elohim of hosts, do hear my prayer;
Do 'give ear, O Elohim of Jacob.

Interlude

9 See to our shield, O Elohim,
And look upon the face of Your anointed.

10 For better is a day in Your courts
^fthan a thousand elsewhere;
I would choose to sweep^r in the House of my Elohim,
Rather ^fthan abide^r in the tents of wickedness.

11 For Sun and Shield is Yahweh Elohim;
Grace and glory does Yahweh 'gbestow;
He does not 'withhold good
'from those walking 'with integrity.

12 O Yahweh of hosts,
Happy is the human trusting in You.

' Permanent'

For the Sons of Korah, A Psalm

85 You have held Your land dear, O Yahweh;

You have reversed the captivity of Jacob.

- 2 You have borne the depravity of Your people;
You have covered all their sin.

Interlude

- 3 You have gathered aside all Your rage;
You have turned back from the heat of Your anger.
4 Turn us back, O Elohim of our salvation,
And annul Your vexation ^{wi}toward us.
5 Shall You be angry ⁱwith us for the eon?
Shall You protract Your anger
for generation ⁺after generation?
6 Shall You Yourself not revive us [']again,
⁺That Your people may rejoice in You?
7 Show us, O Yahweh, Your benignity,
And ^{'g}grant [']us Your salvation.
8 Let me hear what the One, El, shall speak;
Yahweh [']indeed shall pronounce well-being
To His people,
⁺To His benign ones,
⁺⁷To those who [']turn back their heart to Him[~].
9 Yea, His salvation is near to those fearing Him,
[']That glory may tabernacle[~] in our land.
10 Benignity and Truth, they will encounter;
Righteousness and Peace, they will kiss.
11 Truth shall sprout from the earth,
And Righteousness will gaze down from the heavens.
12 ^{mr}Indeed Yahweh Himself shall give good,
And our land shall ^{'g}bring forth its crop.
13 Righteousness shall go before Him,
⁺As He [']places His footsteps [']on the way.

A Davidic Prayer

- 86 Stretch out Your ear, O Yahweh;
Answer me, for humbled and needy am I.
2 Do guard my soul, for I am a benign one;

85:8 7-- To those who [']turn back their heart to Him: Hb Let them not [']turn back to stupidity.

- Save Your servant, You Who are my Elohim;
 Save him 'who is trusting 'in You.
- 3 Be gracious to me, O ^sYahweh^{ph},
 For I am calling 'on You the entire day.
- 4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
 For to You, O ^sYahweh^{ph}, am I lifting up my soul.
- 5 For You, O ^sYahweh^{ph}, are good and pardoning,
 And with much benignity to all calling on You.
- 6 Do 'give ear, O Yahweh, to my prayer,
 And do attend 'to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the day of my distress shall I call on You,
 For You shall answer me.
- 8 There are none like You 'among the elohim, O ^sYahweh^{ph},
 And there are no ^ddeeds like Yours.
- 9 All nations which You have ^dmade
 Shall come and worship before You, O ^sYahweh^{ph},
 And they shall glorify ' Your Name.
- 10 For You are great and are doing marvelous^l works;
 You are Elohim 'by Yourself alone.
- 11 Direct me, O Yahweh, in Your way;
 I shall walk in Your truth;
 Unite my heart to fear Your Name.
- 12 I shall acclaim You, O ^sYahweh^{ph} my Elohim,
 'with all my heart,
 And I will 'glorify Your Name for the eon.
- 13 For Your benignity over me is great,
 And You have rescued my soul from the unseen beneath.
- 14 O Elohim, the arrogant rise ^{on}against me,
 And the gang of terrifiers seek my soul;
 + They do not place You in front of them.
- 15 +Yet You, O ^sYahweh^{ph},
 are an El compassionate and gracious,
 Slow to anger and with much benignity and faithfulness.
- 16 Turn toward ' me and be gracious to me;
 Do ^ggrant Your strength to Your servant,
 And do save ' the son of Your maidservant.
- 17 ^dMake a sign 'of good to be with me,
 +That those hating me may see and be ashamed,

'Because You', O Yahweh, have helped me
and comforted me.

For the Sons of Korah, A Psalm, A Song

87 His foundation in the holy mountain ranges:

² Yahweh is loving the gateways of Zion
More 'than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

³ Glorious things' are spoken' 'of you,
City of the One, Elohim.

Interlude

⁴ I shall mention Rahab^o and Babylon
'as among those knowing Me,
Behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Nubia:
This one was born there.

⁵ +Indeed 'concerning Zion it shall be said:
Each and every one was born in her,
And He Who is Supreme, He shall establish her.

⁶ Yahweh, He shall recount in the list' of the peoples:
This one was born there.

Interlude

⁷ + The singers', like a chorus', will say:
All my springs are in you.

A Song, A Psalm, For the Sons of Korah

'Permanent', ^{on}Concerning a Chorus' for Response

Contemplating, For Heman the Ezrahite

88 O Yahweh, Elohim of my salvation,

By day I cry out,
Even in the night in front of You.

² May my prayer come before You;
Stretch out Your ear to my appeal.

³ For my soul is surfeited 'with perils,
And my life touches close to the unseen.

⁴ I am reckoned with descenders' to the crypt;
I become like a master who is without stamina,

⁵ 'With the dead' set free,

Like the slain who lieⁱ in a burying ground,
Whom You do not remember any ^fr more,
+For they^r are severed from Your hand.

- 6 You have set me down in the nether crypt,
In utter darkness, in shadowy depths;
7 Your fury bears down upon me,
And You humble me with all Your breakers.

Interlude

- 8 You have ^ctaken my close acquaintancesⁱ far from me;
You have set me down as abhorrent to them;
Being shut up, + I cannot go ^forth.
9 My eye, it pines away ^fwith humiliation;
I call on You, O Yahweh, ⁱthroughout every day;
I spread out my palms to You.
10 Would You ^rperform marvelous works for the dead?
ⁱOr do Rephaim ^rarise and ^racclaim You?

Interlude

- 11 Is Your bcignity ^rrecounted in the tomb,
Your faithfulness in destruction?
12 Are Your marvelous works ^rknown in darkness,
And Your righteousness in the land of oblivion?
13 +As for me, I implore ^r You, O Yahweh;
+ In the morning, my prayer goes out ^rbefore You.
14 Why, O Yahweh, are You casting off my soul
And concealing Your face from me?
15 From my youth have I been humbled
and weariedⁱ unto death;
I have borne the dread of You; I am ^rdistracted.
16 Your hot anger has passed upon me;
Your frightenings have effaced me.
17 They surround me like waters the entire day;
They encompass ^{on}about me altogether.
18 You have ^ctaken far from me lovedⁱ one and associate;
My close acquaintancesⁱ are darkness to me.

Contemplating, For Ethan the Ezrahite

- 89 Of the benignity of Yahweh will I ^rsing ⁷for^{cs} the eon;
For generation +after generation
shall I ^cmake known Your faithfulness ⁱwith my mouth.

2 For I have said, Eonian benignity shall be built;
 You shall establish Your faithfulness
 in the heavens themselves.

3 I contracted a covenant 'with My chosen;
 I swore to David My servant:

4 I shall establish your seed ^ffor the eon,
 And I will build your throne
 for generation ⁺after generation.

Interlude

5 ⁺ The heavens are acclaiming Your marvelous works,
 O Yahweh,

Indeed Your faithfulness in the assembly of the saints.

6 For ^awho in the skies can be 'appraised 'with Yahweh?
 Who is 'like 'Yahweh 'among the sons of the elim?

7 El is greatly terrifying 'among the council of the saints,
 And fear inspiring ^{on}to all those round about Him.

8 O Yahweh, Elohim of hosts,
^aWho is like You, an invincible Yah,
⁺With Your faithfulness round about You?

9 You are Rulerⁱ 'over the swelling sea;
 'When its billows are lifted', You' 'becalm them.

10 You' crushed Rahab who became like one slain;
 'With Your strong arm You dispersed Your enemies'.

11 Yours are the heavens; indeed Yours is the earth;
 The habitation and its fullness, You' founded them.

12 The north and the south, You' created them;
 Tabor and Hermon are 'jubilant in Your Name.

13 Yours is an arm with mastery;
 Your hand is 'strong; Your right hand is 'exalted.

14 Righteousness and right judgment
 are the basis of Your throne;
 Benignity and truth stand 'before Your presence.

15 Happy are the people who know' the joyful shouting;
 O Yahweh, they shall walk in the light of Your presence.

16 In Your Name shall they exult the entire day,
 And in Your righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For You are the beauty of their strength,
 And 'by Your benevolence shall our horn be exalted.

- 16 For our shield is 'of Yahweh,
And our king is 'of the Holy One of Israel.
- 19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your benign ones,
And You 'said: I have poised help on a master;
I have exalted one chosen' from the people.
- 20 I have found David My servant;
'With My holy oil have I anointed him,
- 21 With whom My hand shall stand readied;
Indeed My arm shall make him resolute.
- 22 The enemy' shall not astrict ⁱ him,
And the son of iniquity shall not humiliate him.
- 23 + I will pound down his foes /before him,
And I shall strike against those hating him.
- 24 +Yet My faithfulness and My benignity will be with him,
And in My Name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 + I will place his hand 'over the sea,
And his right hand 'over the streams.
- 26 He' shall call out to Me, You are my Father,
My El and the Rock of my salvation.
- 27 Indeed, I' shall ^gmake him the firstborn,
The uppermost 'of the kings of the earth.
- 28 For the eon shall I keep My benignity 'upon him,
And My covenant 'with him is faithful'.
- 29 + I will ^pestablish his seed for the future,
And his throne as the days of the heavens.
- 30 If his sons should forsake My law,
And they should not walk in My ordinances,
- 31 If they should profane My statutes
And should not keep My instructions,
- 32 +Then I will visit their transgression 'with a club,
And their depravity 'with contagions.
- 33 +Yet I shall not ^Mwithdraw^{-c} My benignity from ^{wi} him,
And I shall not be false in My faithfulness.
- 34 I shall not profane My covenant,
And I shall not alter the utterance of My lips.
- 35 Once for all have I sworn 'by My holiness;
I shall assuredly not lie to David:

- 36 His seed shall ^bcontinue for the eon,
 And his throne as the sun in front of Me,
 37 Like the moon, it shall be established ⁷for^{cs} the eon,
 + Faithful like that witness in the sky.

Interlude

- 38 +Yet You' have cast off and are rejecting;
 You are enraged with Your anointed.
 39 You have disowned the covenant with Your servant;
 You have profaned his insignia down to the earth.
 40 You have breached all his stone dikes;
 You have ^{p'}made fatal cracks in his defenses.
 41 All those passing by the way rob him;
 He has become a reproach to his neighbors.
 42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes;
 You have ^cmade all his enemies' rejoice.
 43 Indeed You 'turn back the sharpness of his sword,
 And have not raised him up in battle.
 44 You have caused ^fhis luster to cease,
 And You have toppled his throne to the earth.
 45 You have shortened the days of his adolescence;
 You have muffled ^{on}him with shame.

Interlude

- 46 ^{wf}How ^{fr}long, O Yahweh;
 shall You be concealed ' permanently?
 How long shall Your fury consume like fire?
 47 Remember ^{wf}how transient is my life,
^{on}For what futility have You created
 all the sons of humanity?
 48 ^aWhat master could 'live and not 'see death?
 Could his soul 'escape from the hand of the unseen?

Interlude

- 49 Where are Your 'former benignities, O ^sYahweh^{ph},
 Which You swore to David in Your faithfulness?
 50 Remember, O ^sYahweh^{ph}, the reproach of Your servants;
 I bear in my bosom ~the mortification from~ many peoples,
 51 With which Your enemies' reproach, O Yahweh,
 With which they reproach the heel-prints
 of Your anointed one.

- 52 Blessed¹ be Yahweh for the eon.
Amen and amen.

SCROLL FOUR

A Prayer, For Moses, the Man of the One, Elohim

- 90 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, You Yourself have become our Habitation
in generation ⁺after generation;
2 ⁱ Ere the mountains were born,
And You ^travailed with the earth and the habitan^{ce},
⁺ From eon unto eon You are El.
3 You can ^turn a mortal back ^frto crushed dust
And ^say, Return, O sons of humanity.
4 For a thousand years are in Your eyes
Like yesterday's day ^twhen it has ^tpassed,
⁺Or like a vigil in the night.
5 You storm them away to sleep;
They ^tbecome like the grass in the morning that ^tpasses by;
6 In the morning it ^tblossoms, ⁺but it passes by;
^tBy evening it is ^tsnipped off and has dried up.
7 For we are ^{all}consumed ^tby Your anger,
And ^tby Your fury are we filled with panic.
8 You have set our depravities in front of You,
Our obscured¹ deeds ^tin the full light of Your face.
9 ^tIndeed all our days turn around ^tbefore Your rage;
We ^{all}finish our years like a mumble.
10 The days of our years, in them are seventy years,
And if ^tby mastery there are eighty years,
⁺Yet even in their heyday is toil and sorrow,
For it is sheared off hurriedly, and we ^tfly away.
11 ^aWho is knowing the strength of Your anger
And Your rage, according to the fear due to You?
12 So ^cmake us know how to assign our days,
⁺That we may come to a heart of wisdom.
13 Do turn back, O Yahweh! How ^frlong?
⁺ Show Yourself merciful over Your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with Your benignity,
⁺That we may be jubilant and rejoice ^tthrough all our days.
15 Make us rejoice according to the days You humbled us,

The years we have seen evil.

- 16 May Your ⁷deeds^{~cs} be seen [']by Your servants,
And Your honor ^{on}by their sons.

- 17 + Let the pleasantness of ^SYahweh^{ph} our Elohim
^bbe over us;

+ Do establish the ^dwork of our hands ^{on}for us;

+ Yea, the ^dwork of our hands, do establish it.

- 91 He who is dwelling in the concealment of the Supreme
Shall lodge in the shadow of Him Who-Suffices.

- 2 I shall say [']of Yahweh: My Refuge and my Fastness,
My Elohim, in Whom I [']trust.

- 3 For He Himself shall rescue you
from the snare of the trapper,
From the plague of woes.

- 4 [']With His pinions shall He overshadow [']you,
And under His wings shall you take refuge;
A large shield and encircling-guard is His faithfulness.

- 5 You shall not fear [/]the alarm at night,
Or [/]the arrow that [']flies by day,

- 6 Neither [/]the plague that [']walks in gloom,
Nor [/]the sting that [']devastates at high noon.

- 7 A thousand may fall [/]at your side,
And ten thousand [/]at your right hand;
It shall not come close to you.

- 8 But [']with your eyes you shall look
And see the repayment of the wicked.

- 9 For You, O Yahweh, are my Refuge!
Because you have ^{p'}made the Supreme your habitation,

- 10 Evil shall not be your fate,
And contagion, it shall not approach into your tent.

- 11 For He shall enjoin His messengers [']concerning you,
To keep you in all your ways.

- 12 On their palms shall they lift you,
Lest you should [']strike your foot [']against a stone.

- 13 Upon the black lion and the cobra shall you tread;
You shall tramp down the sheltered lion and the snake.

- 14 ^tBecause he is attached ^tto Me, ⁺ I shall deliver him;
I shall make him impregnable, for he knows My Name.
15 He shall call on Me, and I shall answer him;
I am with him in distress;
I shall liberate him and glorify him.
16 With length of days shall I satisfy him,
And I shall show him ⁱ My salvation.

A Psalm, A Song for the Sabbath Day

- 92 Good is it to acclaim ^y Yahweh,
And to make melody to Your Name, O Supreme!
2 To tell, in the morning, Your benignity,
And Your faithfulness in the nights,
3 On ten strings and on the zither,
^{on}In a chant ⁱwith a harp.
4 For You make me rejoice, O Yahweh, ^tby Your deeds;
In the ^dworks of Your hands I am ^jubilant.
5 ^wHow great are Your ^dworks, O Yahweh,
Exceedingly deep, Your designs!
6 An irrational man, he does not ^know,
And a stupid one, he cannot ^tunderstand ^tthis:
7 The wicked ⁱ bud^t like herbage,
And all contrivers^t of lawlessness ^blossom,
But only ^tthat they be exterminated^t until the future,
8 ⁺When You are on high for the eon, O Yahweh.
9 For behold, Your enemies^t, O Yahweh,
For behold, Your enemies^t, they shall perish!
All contrivers^t of lawlessness shall be routed!
10 ⁺Yet You shall exalt my horn like that of a wild bull;
^tYou will empower me^c ⁱwith flourishing oil.
11 And my eye shall look ^tupon those lying in wait for me;
My ears shall hear ⁱof the evildoers^t rising ^{on}against me.
12 The righteous one shall bud like a palm tree;
Like a cedar in Lebanon, he shall grow great.
13 Those transplanted^t into the House of Yahweh,
They shall bud in the courts of our Elohim.

- 14 They shall ^{fr}still produce ⁱwhen greyhaired;
They shall ^bbe sleek and flourishing,
15 [']Telling⁻ that Yahweh is upright,
My Rock, and no^t iniquity is in Him.

93 Yahweh['] reigns!

- With augustness is He clothed;
Yahweh is clothed with strength;
Thus has He belted Himself.
Indeed, the habitation is [']established;
It is [']immovable.
2 Your throne has been established['] from long ago;
You are from the eon.
3 The streams lift up, O Yahweh,
The streams lift up their voice;
The streams shall lift up their crushing waves.
4 Greater ^fthan the sounds of mighty waters,
Nobler than the breakers of the sea,
Is Yahweh noble in the height.
5 Your testimonies are very faithful;
Holiness befits [']Your House,
For length of days, O Yahweh.

94 O El of avenging, Yahweh,

- El of avenging, shine forth!
2 Lift Yourself up, O Judge['] of the earth;
Turn back a requital upon the proud.
3 How ^{fr}long shall the wicked, O Yahweh,
How ^{fr}long shall the wicked be joyous,
4 Shall they utter, shall they speak with impertinence,
Shall they ^{sa}vaunt themselves,
All these contrivers['] of lawlessness?
5 They [']crush Your people, O Yahweh,
And they [']humble Your allotment.
6 They [']kill the widow and the sojourner,
And they [']murder the orphans.
7 ⁺ They [']say, Yah is not seeing,

- And the Elohim of Jacob is not understanding.
- 8 Understand, you irrationalⁱ ones ⁱamong the people!
And you stupid ones, when shall you ^cact intelligently?
- 9 The One Who plantedⁱ the ear, shall He not hear?
ⁱOr the One Who formedⁱ the eye, shall He not look?
- 10 The One Who disciplinesⁱ the nations, shall He not correct,
The One Who teachesⁱ humanity knowledge?
- 11 Yahweh is the One knowing the devisings of humanity,
That they are a transitory breath.
- 12 Happy is the master whom You are disciplining, O Yah;
+ From Your law are You teaching him,
- 13 To ^cgive ⁱhim quiet from days of peril,
Until a pit is ⁱdug for the wicked.
- 14 For Yahweh shall not abandon His people,
And He shall not forsake His allotment.
- 15 For judgment shall turn back ^fto righteousness,
And all the upright of heart will follow after it.
- 16 ^aWho shall rise for me ^{wi}against evildoers?
^aWho shall stand by for me
^{wi}against contriversⁱ of lawlessness?
- 17 Unless Yahweh were my Hclp,
Soon my soul would tabernacle in stillness.
- 18 If I say, My foot slips!
Your benignity, O Yahweh, it is already bracing me.
- 19 ⁱWhen my disquieting thoughts ⁱwithin me are many,
Your consolations, they are heartening my soul.
- 20 Could a throne of woes be made ⁱpartner with You,
One forming misery ^{on}by its statute?
- 21 They ⁱslash ^{on}against the soul of the righteous,
And they ⁱcondemn innocent blood.
- 22 + But Yahweh shall ^bbe my ⁱImpregnable Retreat,
And my Elohim, ⁱthe Rock of my refuge.
- 23 + He shall reverse ⁱtheir lawlessness upon them,
And ⁱby their evil He shall efface them;
Yahweh our Elohim shall efface them.

95 ^{go}Come, let us be jubilant ⁱbefore Yahweh;
Let us ^craise a joyful shout ⁱbefore the Rock of our salvation.

- 2 Let us go before His presence ⁱwith acclamation;
 In melodies may we ^craise a joyful shout ^bbefore Him.
 3 For Yahweh is the great El,
 And the great King over all the elohim,
 4 In Whose hand are the far depths of the earth,
 And the pinnacles of the mountains are His;
 5 Whose is the sea, ⁺for He Himself has ^dmade it,
 And the dry land that His hands have formed.
 6 Come, let us worship and bow down;
 Let us kneel before Yahweh, our Maker^l.
 7 For He is our Elohim,
 And we are the people of His pasture
 And the flock of His hand.
 Today, if ⁱ His voice you should hear,
 8 You must not be stiffening your heart as in the contention,
 As in the day of trial in the wilderness,
 9 ^wWhere your fathers probed Me and tested Me,
^mThough they had seen My deeds.
 10 Forty years I was ^ddisgusted ⁱwith ⁷this^c generation,
 And I ^ssaid, They are a people straying in heart,
 And they ^ggive no^t thought to My ways.
 11 ^wAs I swear in My anger,
 They assuredly shall not enter into My resting place^l:

- 96 Sing to Yahweh a new song;
 Sing to Yahweh, all the earth.
 2 Sing to Yahweh; bless His Name;
^mBear the tidings of His salvation ^fday ^bafter day!
 3 Recount His glory ⁱamong the nations,
ⁱAmong all the peoples, His marvelous^l works.
 4 For great is Yahweh, and praised^l exceedingly;
 Fear inspiring is He over all elohim.
 5 For all the elohim of the peoples are useless idols,
⁺As for Yahweh, He has ^dmade the heavens.
 6 Splendor and honor are before Him;
 Strength and beauty are in His Sanctuary.
 7 Grant to Yahweh, O families of the peoples,

Grant to Yahweh glory and strength.

- 8 Grant to Yahweh the glory of His Name;
Bear an approach present, and come ^Mbefore Him^s.
- 9 Worship ' Yahweh in His holy effulgence!
Travail 'because of His presence, all the earth.
- 10 Say 'among the nations, Yahweh' reigns!
Indeed, 'established is the habitation;
By no means shall it slip;
He shall adjudicate the peoples 'with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, + let the earth exult,
Let the sea thunder and its fullness,
- 12 Let the field be joyous, and all ^wthat is in it;
Then all the trees of the wildwood shall be jubilant
- 13 Before Yahweh, for He comes;
For He comes to judge the earth;
He shall judge the habitation in righteousness,
And the peoples in His truth.

97 Yahweh' reigns; let the earth exult;

Let the many coastlands rejoice.

- 2 Cloud and murkiness are around Him;
Righteousness and right judgment
are the basis of His throne.
- 3 Fire is going before Him
And ^msets His foes 'aflake round about;
- 4 His lightning bolts light up the habitation;
The earth sees and is travailing.
- 5 The mountains are melted like wax
'before ' the presence of Yahweh,
'Before ' the presence of the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens tell of His righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.
- 7 May all the servants^l of a carving be ashamed,
The ones boasting in useless idols;
Bow down to Him, all you elohim.
- 8 Zion hears and is rejoicing,
And the daughters of Judah are exulting

96:8 *M-s* before Him: Hb into His courts (cf 1 Ch 16:29).

- On account of Your right judgments, O Yahweh.
9 For You, O Yahweh, are Supreme over all the earth;
You are exceedingly ascendant over all elohim.
10 Hate evil, you who are loving Yahweh,
The One guarding the souls of His benign ones;
From the hand of the wicked shall He rescue them.
11 Light is sown¹ for the righteous,
And rejoicing for the upright of heart.
12 Rejoice, O righteous ones, in Yahweh,
And acclaim² His holy³ Name.

A Psalm

- 98 Sing to Yahweh a new song,
For He has done marvelous¹ works;
His right hand and His holy arm
have² brought His salvation.
2 Yahweh has³ made known His salvation;
To the eyes of the nations
He has revealed His righteousness.
3 He has remembered His benignity and His faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
All the limits of the earth have seen
⁴the salvation of our Elohim.
4⁵ ⁶Raise a joyful shout to Yahweh, all the earth;
Burst forth and be jubilant and make melody.
5 Make melody to Yahweh⁷ with the harp,
⁸With the harp and the sound of melody.
6⁹ With bugles and the sound of the trumpet,
¹⁰Raise a joyful shout before Yahweh the King.
7 Let the sea thunder, and its fullness,
The habitation and those dwelling in it.
8 The streams, let them clap with the palm,
The mountains, let them be jubilant together
9 before Yahweh.
For He comes to judge the earth;
He shall judge the habitation in righteousness,
And the peoples¹¹ with equity.

- 99 Yahweh¹ reigns; let the peoples be disturbed;
 He is dwelling between the cherubim; let the earth slide.
- 2 Great is Yahweh in Zion,
 And exalted is He² over all the peoples.
- 3 Let them acclaim Your Name, great and fear inspiring:
 Holy is He!
- 4 And the strong King, Who loves right judgment!
 You Yourself have established equity;
 You Yourself have ^dexecuted right judgment
 and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt Yahweh our Elohim,
 And bow down ¹at His footstool,
⁷For^s holy is He.
- 6 Moses and Aaron were ¹among His priests,
 And Samuel ¹among those calling on His Name;
 They were calling ¹on Yahweh,
 and He Himself ¹answered them.
- 7 In the cloud column He ¹spoke to them;
 They kept His testimonies
 and the statute He gave to them.
- 8 O Yahweh our Elohim,
 You Yourself answered them;
 You ^bwere an El bearing ¹with them,
⁺Though avenging ^{on} their iniquitous deeds.
- 9 Exalt Yahweh our Elohim,
 And bow down ¹at His holy mountain,
 For holy is Yahweh our Elohim.

A Psalm for Acclamation

- 100 ^cRaise a joyful shout to Yahweh, all the earth!
- 2 Serve ¹Yahweh ¹with rejoicing!
 Come to His presence ¹with jubilant song!
- 3 Know that Yahweh, He is Elohim;
 He¹ it is Who has ^dmade us, and we are ^MHis¹.
 His people are we and the flock of His pasture.
- 4 Enter His gateways ¹with acclamation!

- His courts 'with praise!
 Acclaim 'Him! Bless His Name!
 5 For Yahweh is good;
 His benignity is 'eonian,
 And His faithfulness unto generation 'after generation.

A Davidic Psalm

- 101 Of benignity and judgment shall I sing;
 To You, O Yahweh, will I make 'melody.
 2 I will 'contemplate 'the flawless way.
 — When shall You come to me? —
 I shall walk in the integrity of my heart 'within my house.
 3 I shall not set a worthless matter in front of my eyes;
 I hate the doing of those who swerve;
 It shall not cling 'to me.
 4 A perverse heart, it shall withdraw from me;
 Evil I shall not know.
 5 The one slandering his associate in secret,
 I shall efface 'him.
 The haughty of eyes and inflated of heart,
 I shall not ^{all} endure 'him.
 6 My eyes are 'with the faithful' of the land, to dwell with me;
 He who is going in a flawless way, he shall minister for me.
 7 One doing deceit shall not dwell 'within my house;
 One speaking falsehoods shall not be established
 in front of my eyes.
 8 'In the mornings I shall efface all the wicked of the land,
 To cut off from the city of Yahweh
 all contrivers' of lawlessness.

A Prayer

For the humbled one 'when he is drooping and is pouring out
 his concern before Yahweh.

- 102 O Yahweh, do hear my prayer,
 And let my imploring come to You.
 2 O do not 'conceal Your face from me
 in the day of my distress!

- Stretch out Your ear to me;
 Answer me hastily, in the day I shall call.
- 3 For my days vanish 'like~s smoke,
 And my bones burn hot like glowing embers.
- 4 My heart is smitten and is drying up like herbage,
 For I forget 'to eat~ my bread.
- 5 'Because of the sound of my sighing
 My bones cling to my flesh.
- 6 I am like ' a pelican of the marshy wilderness;
 I have become like a little owl of the deserted places.
- 7 I am watchful,
 And I am becoming like a solitary' bird on a housetop.
- 8 The entire day my enemies' reproach me;
 Those raving against me swear a curse 'by me.
- 9 For I eat ashes like bread,
 And I blend my drink 'with lamentation,
- 10 In view of Your indignation and Your wrath,
 For You have lifted me up and are flinging me down.
- 11 My days are like the declining shadow,
 And I, I am drying up like herbage.
- 12 Yet You, O Yahweh, You are dwelling for the eon,
 And Your 'Name for generation + after generation.
- 13 You Yourself shall rise;
 You shall have compassion on Zion,
 For it is the era to be gracious to her,
 'Since the appointed time has come.
- 14 For Your servants hold 'her stones dear,
 And they 'mshow 'favor ~ to her soil.
- 15 + The nations shall fear 'the Name of Yahweh,
 And all the kings of the earth 'Your glory.
- 16 For Yahweh will build up Zion;
 He will appear in His glory.
- 17 He will turn toward ' the prayer of the forlorn,
 And He will not despise 'their prayer.
- 18 Let this be written for a later generation,
 +When a people yet being created shall praise Yah.
- 19 For He will gaze from His sanctuary on high;

- Yahweh from the heavens to the earth will look down,
 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,
 To unloose the sons of death,
 21 So 'that the Name of Yahweh may be recounted' in Zion
 And His praise in Jerusalem,
 22 'When the peoples are convened' together
 And the kingdoms come to serve 'Yahweh.
 23 'On the way He has humbled my vigor;
 He has shortened my days.
 24 I am saying, O my El, do not 'take me ^{lon}away
 'at the half of my days!
 Your years continue 'through generation after generations.
 25 Beforetime You founded the earth,
 And the heavens are the ^dwork of Your hands.
 26 They' shall perish, +yet You' shall stand.
 + All of them shall decay like a cloak;
 You shall change them like clothing, and they shall pass by.
 27 +Yet You remain the same,
 And Your years shall not come to end.
 28 The sons of Your servants, they shall tabernacle in serenity,
 And their seed shall be established before You.

Davidic

- 103 Bless 'Yahweh, O my soul,
 And all within me, bless 'His holy Name!
 2 Bless 'Yahweh, O my soul,
 And do not 'forget any of His well-dealings,
 3 'Who is pardoning ' all your depravity,
 'Who is healing ' all your ailments,
 4 'Who is redeeming your life from ruin,
 'Who is crowning you with benignity and compassion,
 5 'Who is satisfying your ~future~ 'with good,
 So your youth is 'renewed like the vulture's.
 6 Yahweh is the One ^dexecuting acts of righteousness
 And right judgments for all those being exploited.
 7 He 'made His ways 'known to Moses,

- His activities to the sons of Israel.
- 8 Compassionate and gracious is Yahweh,
Slow to anger and with much benignity.
- 9 He shall not contend ' permanently,
And He shall not hold resentment for the eon.
- 10 He has neither done to us according to our sins,
Nor has He requited ^{on} us according to our depravities.
- 11 For as the heavens are lofty^r over the earth,
So is His benignity masterful over those fearing Him.
- 12 As far^r as the east is from the west,
So He ^cremoves ^rour transgressions far from us.
- 13 As a father ^mshows compassion^r over his sons,
So Yahweh ^mshows compassion over those fearing Him.
- 14 For He^r knows our formation,
Remembering that we are soil.
- 15 As for mortal man, his days are like grass,
Like a blossom of the field, so is he blossoming.
- 16 For the wind, it passes ⁱover him, and he is no more,
And his place shall not recognize him any ^{fr}longer.
- 17 ⁺Yet the benignity of Yahweh is from eon ⁺ unto eon
over those fearing Him,
And His righteousness continues for the sons of sons,
To those keeping His covenant
And to those remembering His precepts, to ^dobey them.
- 19 Yahweh has established His throne in the heavens,
And His kingdom rules ⁱamong all.
- 20 Bless Yahweh, ⁷all^s His messengers,
Masters of valor, doing His word,
So as to hearken ⁱto the voice of His word!
- 21 Bless Yahweh, all His hosts,
Who are ministering to Him,
Doing what is acceptable to Him!
- 22 Bless Yahweh, all His ^dworks,
In all places of His dominion!
Bless ^rYahweh, O my soul!

104 Bless ^rYahweh, O my soul!

O Yahweh, my Elohim, You are exceedingly great.

- You are clothed with splendor and honor;
 2 You are muffled^l with light as a garment.
 Stretching out the heavens like a sheet,
 3 The One Who is ^mlaying the rafters
 of His upper chambers ⁱon their waters,
 'Who is ^pmaking the thick clouds His chariot,
 'Who is going on the wings of the wind,
 4 Making His messengers winds,
 His ministers a flaming fire,
 5 He has founded the earth on its bases.
 It shall never slip ⁷for^s the eon and further.
 6 You covered it with the abyss as clothing;
 The waters [']stood ^{on}above the mountains,
 7 Yet from Your rebuke they [']fled;
 From the sound of Your thunder they [']hurried away.
 8 They [']ascended over the mountains;
 They [']descended to the valleys,
 To the place that You had founded for them.
 9 You placed a boundary that they would never [']pass;
 They shall never return to cover the earth.
 10 You are the One sending springs into the wadis;
 Between the mountains are they going.
 11 They ^cgive [']drink to all the field life;
 Onagers [']break their thirst.
 12 The flyers of the heavens [']roost ^{on}by them;
 From ^bamong the thick-foliage they [']give out their sound.
 13 You are the One irrigating the mountains
 from His upper chambers;
 From the fruit of Your ^dworks the earth is [']satisfied:
 14 You are the One ^c'making grass sprout' for the beasts
 And herbage for the service of humanity,
 To ^c'bring forth' bread from the earth
 15 And wine that makes the heart of a mortal [']rejoice,
 To ^c'make the face ~lustrous~ [']with oil,
 And bread that [']braces the heart of mortal man.
 16 The trees of Yahweh are satisfied,
 The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,

- 17 Where the birds are nesting,
Firs where the stork has her home.
- 18 The lofty mountains are for the ibexes;
The crags are a refuge for the coney.
- 19 He ^dmade the moon for appointed times,
The sun that knows its setting.
- 20 You 'impose darkness, and it 'becomes night;
All the life of the wildwood 'move about in it,
- 21 The sheltered lions roaring for prey
And ' seeking their food from El.
- 22 When the sun is 'radiant again, they 'gather away,
And they 'recline 'in their habitations.
- 23 Then humanity goes 'forth to its deeds
And to its service until evening.
- 24 ^{wi}How numerous are Your ^dworks, O Yahweh!
You have ^dmade all of them in wisdom;
The earth is filled with Your achievements:
- 25 This 'sea, great and wide on all hands;
The creeper is there, and it is numberless,
Animals, both small ^{wi}and great;
- 26 The ~sea monsters~ are going there,
The dragon that You have formed to gambol in it.
- 27 All of them 'look forward to You
To ^ssupply their food in its season;
- 28 You 's supply it to them; they 'pick it up.
You 'open Your hand; they are well 'satisfied.
- 29 You 'conceal Your face; they are filled with 'panic.
You 'gather away their spirit; they 'breathe their last
And 'return to their soil.
- 30 You 'send forth Your spirit; they are 'created,
And You 'renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of Yahweh ^bremain for the eon.
May Yahweh rejoice in His ^dworks.
- 32 'He is looking 'at the earth, and it 'quivers;
He is touching ⁱ the mountains, and they 'smoke.
- 33 I will 'sing to Yahweh 'throughout my life;
I will make 'melody to my Elohim 'throughout my future.

- 34 May my meditation be congenial ^{on}to Him;
I shall rejoice in Yahweh.
- 35 May sinners be completely removed from the earth,
And the wicked—let them be no ^{fr}more.
Bless 'Yahweh, O my soul
Praise Yah!
- 105 Acclaim 'Yahweh! Call 'on His Name!
 ^cMake known His actions 'among the peoples!
- 2 Sing to Him! Make melody to Him!
Meditate 'on all His marvelous' works!
- 3 Boast in His holy Name!
Let the heart of those seeking Yahweh rejoice.
- 4 Seek after Yahweh and His strength;
Seek His face continually.
- 5 Remember His marvelous' works ^wthat He has done,
His miracles and the judgments of His mouth,
- 6 O seed of ^MIsrael^s, His ⁷servants^{-Q},
Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones.
- 7 He is Yahweh, our Elohim;
His judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He remembers His covenant for the eon,
The word He enjoined 'on a thousand generations,
- 9 ^wThat He contracted 'with Abraham,
And by His oath to Isaac.
- 10 ⁺ He 'ratified it to Jacob 'as a statute,
To Israel as a covenant eonian.
- 11 'Saying, To you shall I give 'the land of Canaan,
The region of your allotment.
- 12 ⁱWhen they became^r few adult males in number,
^{as}Only a few, and sojourners' in it,
- 13 ⁺Then they 'walked from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another people.
- 14 He would not permit any ^hman to exploit them,
And on their behalf He 'reproved kings:
- 15 Saying, You must not 'touch ⁱ My anointed ones,
And to My prophets you must not ^cdo 'evil!

- 16 + He ¹called forth a famine on the earth;
He broke off the entire stock of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold ¹as a slave.
- 18 They humbled his feet in fetters;
His soul was inserted in iron
- 19 Until the era when His word came [~]to pass,
When the saying of Yahweh had refined him.
- 20 The king sent and ^clet him ¹loose;
The ruler ¹of the peoples + ¹opened his way.
- 21 He ^p^cconstituted him lord ¹over his house
And ruler ¹among all his acquisitions,
- 22 To ⁷discipline [~]his chiefs ¹at his soul's desire,
So + that he should make his elders wise.
- 23 +Then Israel ¹came down to Egypt,
And Jacob sojourned in the country of Ham.
- 24 +Then He ^cmade ¹His people exceedingly ¹fruitful
And ^cmade them more ¹plentiful ¹than their foes.
- 25 He turned their heart to hate His people,
To plot ¹against His servants.
- 26 He sent Moses, His servant,
And Aaron ¹whom He had chosen.
- 27 ⁷He ^cplaced the words of His signs ¹before them,
And His miracles ¹before the country of Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and it ^cbecame very ¹dark,
And they could not defy ¹His words.
- 29 He turned ¹their waters to blood,
And He ^cput ¹their fish to ¹death.
- 30 Their country swarmed with frogs,
Into the chambers of their kings.
- 31 He ^{sa}spoke, and there ¹came a mixture of flies,
Lice in all their territory.
- 32 He ^gturned their downpours to hail,
With fiery bolts blazing in their country.
- 33 + He ¹smote their vines and their fig trees,
And He broke down the trees of their territory.

105:22 7-- discipline: Hb bind.

105:27 7--c He: Hb They.

- 34 He ^{sa}spoke, and the locust ^lcame,
And the young-locust and they were without number.
- 35 + It ^ldevoured all the herbage in their country
And ^ldevoured the fruit of their ground.
- 36 +Then He ^lsmote all the firstborn in their country,
The beginning ^lof all their virility.
- 37 +Thus He ^cbrought ⁷His people ^Oforth ^lwith silver and gold,
And there was no one stumbling ^lamong their tribes.
- 38 Egypt rejoiced ^lat their going forth^l,
For alarm over them had fallen upon them.
- 39 He spread a cloud ^las a blanket,
And a fire to light up the night.
- 40 ⁷They^c asked, and He ^lbrought forth quail,
And He ^lsatisfied them with bread ^Mfrom^s the heavens.
- 41 He opened a rock, and waters ^lgushed out;
They ^{so}flowed into the arid places as a stream.
- 42 For He was mindful ^lof His holy word
^lWith Abraham, His servant,
- 43 And He ^cbrought His people ^lforth ^lwith elation,
^lHis chosen ones ^lwith jubilant song.
- 44 + He ^lgave the countries of the nations to them,
And they ^ltook over the toil of the national groups,
- 45 In order that they should keep His statutes
And should preserve His laws.
Praise Yah!

106 Praise Yah!

Acclaim ^lYahweh, for He is good!
For His benignity is ^leonian.

- 2 ^aWho can ^ldeclare the masterful deeds of Yahweh
Or ^cmake all His praise ^lheard?
- 3 Happy are those keeping right judgment,
^dExecuting righteousness in every era.
- 4 Remember me, O Yahweh, in Your benevolence
to Your people;
Notice me in Your salvation,

105:37 7-Q His people: Hb them.

105:40 7-c They: Hb He.

- 5 'That I may see~ⁱ the good of Your chosen ones,
To rejoice in the rejoicing of Your own nation,
To praise with Your allotment.
- 6 We have sinned with our fathers;
We have ^csown depravity;
We have ^cacted wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not contemplate
Your marvelous^l works;
They did not remember `Your many benignities,
And they defied ~the Supreme~ⁱby the Sea of Weeds.
- 8 +Yet He ^csaved them on account of His Name,
To ^cmake known `His masterful deeds.
- 9 + He ^crebuked ⁱthe Sea of Weeds, and it became^ldrained,
And He ^cenabled them to ^wwalk ⁱthrough the abyss
as through a wilderness.
- 10 +So He ^csaved them from the hand of the one hating them,
And He ^credeemed them from the hand of their enemy^l.
- 11 + The waters ^ccovered their focs;
Not one ^fof them was left.
- 12 +Then they ^bbelieved ⁱHis words;
They ^ssang His praise.
- 13 But they ^qquickly forgot His ^ddeeds;
They did not tarry for His counsel.
- 14 + They ^lusted with yearning in the wilderness,
And they ^tried El in the desolation.
- 15 +So He ^ggave ^vthem their request,
And He ^ssent ⁷sustenance~ⁱfor their soul.
- 16 + They ^mgrew ^jjealous ^vof Moses in the camp,
And ^vof Aaron, the holy one of Yahweh.
- 17 The earth ^oopened up and ^sswallowed Dathan,
And it ^ccovered over the congregation of Abiram.
- 18 + Fire ^cconsumed in their congregation;
A blaze ^mset the wicked ^aaflake.
- 19 They ^dmade a calf ⁱat Horeb,
And they ^bbowed down to a molten image.

106:7 ~- the Supreme: Hb ^{on}by the sea.

106:15 7-- sustenance: Hb leanness.

- 20 + They 'changed ^sHis^{ph} glory
 Into the model of a bull calf that feeds^l on herbage.
 21 They forgot the El Who was saving them,
 Who was doing great deeds in Egypt,
 22 Marvelous^l works in the country of Ham,
 Fear inspiring deeds ^{on}by the Sea of Weeds.
 23 + He 'said ^lthat He would exterminateⁿ them,
 Except that Moses, His chosen one,
 Stood in the breach before Him,
 To turn back His fury from ^cbringing ruinⁿ on them.
 24 + Then they 'rejected ⁱ the coveted land;
 They did not believe ^l His word,
 25 And they 'murmured in their tents;
 They did not hearken ⁱto the voice of Yahweh.
 26 + So He lifted His hand in swearing to them
 To cast ⁿthem down in the wilderness,
 27 And to [~]scatter^c their seed ⁱamong the nations,
 And to toss them away ⁱthroughout the countries.
 28 + Yet they 'paired themselves ^lwith Baal-peor,
 And they 'ate sacrifices offered to dead^l idols.
 29 + They ^cprovoked ^lHim^{cs} to ^lvexation ⁱwith their actions,
 So ⁺that a stroke ^lbreached forth ⁱamong them.
 30 + But Phinehas 'stood up and ^lmediated,
 And the stroke was ^lrestrained.
 31 + This was 'reckoned to him for righteousness
 For generation ⁺after generation ^{fr}for the eon.
 32 + They ^cprompted ^lwrath ^{on}at the waters of Meribah,
 And it was ^levil for Moses for their sake
 33 'Because they provoked ^lhis spirit,
 And he 'talked rashly ⁱwith his lips.
 34 They did not exterminate ⁿthe peoples
^wAs Yahweh had ^{sa}commanded ^l them.
 35 + They 'mixed ⁱwith the nations,
 And they 'learned their ^dcustoms.
 36 + They 'served ⁿtheir fetishes,
 And these came to ^{be} ^la trap for them.

106:20 S--ph His: Hb their.

106:27 ~-c scatter: Hb cast.

- 37 + They 'sacrificed 'their sons
And 'their daughters to demons;
38 + So they 'shed innocent blood,
The blood of their sons and their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the fetishes of Canaan,
And the land was 'polluted 'with bloodshed.
39 + Thus they 'defiled themselves 'by their ^ddeeds,
And they 'prostituted themselves 'by their actions.
40 + So the anger of Yahweh grew 'hot 'against His people,
And He 'abhorred 'His allotment.
41 + He 'gave them into the hand of the nations
So + that those hating them 'ruled 'among them.
42 + Their enemies' 'oppressed them,
And they were made to 'submit under their hand.
43 Many ^{du}times He 'rescued them,
+ But they' were 'rebellious in their counsel,
And they were 'reduced lower in their depravity.
44 + Yet He 'saw ⁱ their distress,
'On His hearing' 'of their appeal,
45 And, for them, He 'remembered His covenant,
So + that He was 'merciful
according to His many benignities.
46 + He 'gave 'them over to compassions
Before all those holding them captive.
47 Save us, O Yahweh our Elohim,
And convene us from the nations,
To acclaim ' Your holy Name,
To triumph in Your praise.
48 Blessed' be Yahweh, Elohim of Israel,
From the eon and until the eon.
+ Then all the people will say, Amen.
Praise Yah.

SCROLL FIVE

- 107 Acclaim ' Yahweh, for He is good,
For His benignity is ' eonian.
2 Let the redeemed' of Yahweh ^{sa}testify so,
Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the foe.

- 3 + He has convened them from far countries,
From east and from west,
From north and from the sea.
- 4 They strayed in a wilderness, in a desolation;
They could not find the way to a city of dwelling.
- 5 Famished ^mand thirsty,
Their soul within them was drooping,
- 6 And they ^lcried out to Yahweh in their distress.
From their constraints, He ^lrescued them,
- 7 And He caused them to ^ltread in a straight way,
To go to a city of dwelling.
- 8 Let them acclaim ^lYahweh for His benignity
And His marvelous^l works to the sons of humanity.
- 9 For He satisfied the thirst of the unappeased^l soul,
And the famished soul He filled with good.
- 10 Those dwelling in darkness and the shadow of death,
The bound ones in humiliation and iron,
- 11 ^l'Because they had rebelled against the sayings of El,
And had spurned the counsel of the Supreme,
- 12 + He ^cbrought their heart into ^l'submission ^l'with toil;
They stumbled, and there was no one to help^l.
- 13 +Then they ^lcried out to Yahweh in their distress:
He ^l'saved them from their constraints;
- 14 He ^cbrought them ^l'forth
from darkness and the shadow of death,
And He ^l'pulled away their bonds.
- 15 Let them acclaim ^lYahweh for His benignity
And His marvelous^l works to the sons of humanity.
- 16 For He broke the doors of bronze
And hacked down the bars of iron.
- 17 The foolish, ^l'because of the way of their transgression,
And ^l'because of their depravities, they were ^l'humbled.
- 18 Their soul ^l'abhorred all food,
And they ^l'touched close unto the gates of death.
- 19 +Then they ^lcried out to Yahweh in their distress:
He ^l'saved them from their constraints;
- 20 He ^l'sent forth His word and ^l'healed them,
And He ^mprovided ^l'escape from their graves.

- 21 Let them acclaim ' Yahweh for His benignity
And His marvelous' works to the sons of humanity.
- 22 And let them sacrifice sacrifices of acclamation
And recount His ^ddeeds 'with jubilant song.
- 23 Those going down to the sea in ships,
Who do' their work 'on vast waters,
- 24 They' have seen the ^ddeeds of Yahweh,
And His marvelous' works in the shadowy deep.
- 25 + He ^{sa}spoke and 'recruited a tempestuous wind,
And it ^mraised its billows 'high.
- 26 They 'ascended to the heavens;
they 'descended to the abyss;
Their soul 'dissolved 'because of the peril.
- 27 They 'circled and 'staggered like a drunkard,
And all their wisdom was 'swallowed up.
- 28 +Then they 'cried out to Yahweh in their distress,
And He 'brought them 'forth from their constraints.
- 29 He 'recast the tempest into stillness,
And the billows against them were 'hushed;
- 30 +So they 'rejoiced that they were 'calmed,
And He 'guided them to the destination of their desire.
- 31 Let them acclaim ' Yahweh for His benignity
And His marvelous' works to the sons of humanity.
- 32 And let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people,
And in the dwelling of the elders, let them praise Him.
- 33 He can ^{pl}convert streams into wilderness,
And flowing wells of water into thirsty ground,
- 34 A fruitful area into a salty waste,
^fBecause of the evil of those dwelling in it.
- 35 He can ^{pl}convert a wilderness into a pond of water
And an arid area into flowing wells of water.
- 36 And He shall cause the famished to dwell there;
+ They shall establish a city of dwelling.
- 37 + They shall sow fields and plant vineyards,
And they shall ^dget a fruitful yield.
- 38 +Then He shall bless them,
and they shall increase exceedingly,
And He shall not ^elet their domestic beasts decrease.

- 39 When they are 'decreased and 'bowed down
 /'Because of restraint, evil and affliction,
 40 He is pouring out contempt upon the tyrants,
 So + that He causes them to 'stray in a wayless wasteland.
 41 + Yet for the needy He makes an 'impregnable retreat
 from humiliation,
 And He 'p^lestablishes his families like a flock.
 42 The upright 'see it, and they 'rejoice,
 + Yet all iniquity, it will shut its mouth.
 43 ^aWhoever is wise, let him observe these things;
 Let them consider the benignities of Yahweh.

A Song
A Davidic Psalm

- 108 My heart is established', O Elohim;
 ⁷My heart is established'^{cs}.
 Let me sing and make melody;
 ~You are~ my Glory.
 2 Do rouse, 'zither and harp!
 Let me arouse the dawn.
 3 I shall acclaim You 'among the peoples, O Yahweh,
 And I shall make melody to You 'among the national groups.
 4 For Your benignity is towering above the heavens,
 And Your faithfulness unto the skies.
 5 Be exalted over the heavens, O Elohim,
 And let Your glory be over all the earth.
 6 That Your beloved ones may be 'liberated,
 Do save with Your right hand, and so answer me.
 7 Elohim, He has spoken in His holiness:
 I shall ⁷ascend~^s;
 I shall apportion out Shechem,
 And I shall measure off the vale of Succoth.
 8 Mine is Gilead; Mine is Manasseh,
 And Ephraim is the stronghold of My head;
 Judah is My statute-maker^l;

108:1 -- You are: Hb Indeed.

108:7 7--s ascend: Hb be joyous.

- 9 Moab is My washbasin;
^{on}Unto Edom shall I fling My sandal;
 Over Philistia shall I shout in triumph.
- 10 ^aWho shall escort me to the fortress city?
^aWho will guide me unto Edom?
- 11 O Elohim, have You not cast us off?
 And shall You not go forth, O Elohim, ⁱwith our hosts?
- 12 Do grant to us help from distress,
⁺For salvation from a human is futile.
- 13 ⁱWith Elohim we shall do valiantly,
⁺For He Himself shall trample our foes.
[']Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm

- 109 O Elohim of my praise, do not be [']silent,
 2 For a mouth of wickedness and a mouth of deceit
 They have opened ^{on}against me;
 They have spoken [']against me with a tongue of falsehood;
- 3 ⁺With words of hatred, they have surrounded me,
 And they [']fight against me gratuitously.
- 4 ^uIn return for my love they are my [']adversaries,
⁺Even while I was in prayer.
- 5 ⁺They ^{'pl}bring evil upon me ^uin return for good,
 And hatred ^uin return for my love.
- 6 Post a wicked person over him,
 And let an adversary stand ^{on}at his right hand.
- 7 [']When he is judged⁻, let him go forth condemned,
 And let his prayer ^{'b}be seen [']as sin.
- 8 May his days come to be few;
 May his supervision be taken by another.
- 9 May his sons become orphans,
 And his wife a widow.
- 10 ⁺ May his sons rove, yea rove⁻ so ⁺that they must beg,
 And ⁷may they be driven out⁻ from their deserted homes.
- 11 May the creditor['] confiscate [']all ^wthat he [']has,
 And may aliens['] plunder the fruit of his labor.

- 12 There must not ^bbe anyone being indulgent
with kindness to him,
And there must not ^bbe anyone showing grace
to his orphans.
- 13 May his posterity ^bbe [']cut off;
In the generation following,
may ⁷his^{-s} name be wiped out.
- 14 May the depravity of his fathers
be remembered [']before Yahweh,
And the sin of his mother, let it not be [']wiped out.
- 15 Let these ^bbe in front of Yahweh continually,
And let their family's remembrance be cut off
from the earth,
- 16 Because ^w he did not remember to ^dshow kindness,
And he [']persecuted the humbled man and the needy one
And the sore['] of heart, to ^mput him to death.
- 17 + He [']loved malediction; + may it come back on him.
+ He has not delighted in blessing;
+ may it stay far from him.
- 18 + He [']clothed himself with malediction as his coat;
+ May it enter ⁱ within him like water,
And like oil into his bones.
- 19 May it ^bbe [']upon him like a cloak with which he is [']muffled,
And [']like a cord ["]that he [']girds about him continually.
- 20 May this be the wage for my adversaries['] from [']Yahweh,
And for those speaking evil ^{on} against my soul.
- 21 + But You, O Yahweh my Lord, ^ddeal [']with me
ou account of Your Name;
[']Because Your benignity is good, rescue me.
- 22 For humbled and needy am I,
And my heart, it is wounded ⁱ within me.
- 23 Like a shadow as it stretches out[,] I ^{go}fade away;
I am shaken off like a locust.
- 24 My knees, they stumble from fasting,
And my flesh, it is emaciated for [']want of oil.
- 25 And I['] have become a reproach to them;
When they [']see me, they [']wag their head.
- 26 Help me, O Yahweh my Elohim;

Save me according to Your benignity.

- 27 ⁺Then they shall know that this is Your handiwork,
That You Yourself, O Yahweh, have done it.
28 They[~] may maledict, ⁺but You[~] shall bless;
⁷Those rising against me[~] shall be ashamed,
⁺yet Your servant shall rejoice.
29 Let my adversaries¹ be clothed with mortification,
And let them be muffled with their shame like a robe.
30 I shall acclaim Yahweh very highly ⁱwith my mouth,
And in the midst of multitudes shall I praise Him.
31 For He is standing [']at the right hand of the needy one,
In order to save him from those judging his soul.

A Davidic Psalm

110 The averring of Yahweh to my Lord:

- Sit [']at My right
Until I should set Your enemies¹ as a stool for Your feet.
2 The rod of Your strength shall Yahweh send from Zion;
Sway ⁱ among Your enemies¹.
3 Your people shall be willing in the day of Your potent power;
In holy effulgence from the womb of the dawn,
You will [']have the dew of Your childhood.
4 Yahweh has sworn, and He shall not regret:
You are a priest for the eon
^{on}According to the ^{sp}order of Melchizedek.
5 ^sYahweh^{ph} is ^{on}at Your right;
He will transfix kings in the day of His anger.
6 He shall adjudicate ⁱamong the nations;
He will fill them with dead bodies;
He will transfix ^Mheads^{~s} over the vast earth.
7 He shall drink from the watercourse ⁱalong the way;
Therefore He shall ^chold His head high.

Praise Yah

111 I shall acclaim Yahweh ⁱwith my whole heart,

109:28 7-- Those rising against me: Hb They rise and.
110:6 M--s heads: Hb head.

- In the council of the upright, ⁺ in the congregation.
 2 Great are the ^dworks of Yahweh,
 Sought after¹ by all who delight in them.
 3 Splendor and honor are His deeds,
 And His righteousness is standing into the future.
 4 He has ^dmade¹ His marvelous¹ works memorable;
 Gracious and compassionate is Yahweh.
 5 He gave viands^o to those fearing Him;
 He shall remember His covenant for the eon.
 6 He has told of the vigor of His ^dworks to His people,
 That He would give¹ to them the allotment of the nations.
 7 The ^dworks of His hands are truth and right judgment;
 Faithful¹ are all His precepts,
 8 Supported¹ into the future, for the eon,
^dWorked¹ out in truth and uprightness.
 9 He sent a ransom for His people;
 He enjoined His covenant on them for the eon;
 Holy and fear inspiring is His Name.
 10 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom;
 All who ^dpractice¹ it^c have a good insight.
 His praise is standing into the future.

Praise Yah

- 112 Happy is the man who fears Yahweh;
 In His instructions he very much delights.
 2 His seed shall become masterful in the land;
 The generation of the upright, it shall be blessed.
 3 Wealth and riches are in his house,
 And his righteousness is standing into the future.
 4 In the darkness he radiates as a light for the upright ones;
 He is gracious, ⁺ compassionate and righteous.
 5 It is good when a man is gracious¹ and obliging;
 He shall ^{all}sustain his ^{sp}affairs with right judgment.
 6 Truly he shall not slip for the eon;
 The righteous one shall become¹ an eonian remembrance.

111:5 viands: i.e., manna and quail (cf Ex 16:12).

111:10 7.-c it; Hb them.

- 7 He shall not fear ^f an evil report;
His heart is establishedⁱ, trusting in Yahweh.
- 8 His heart is stalwartⁱ; he shall not fear,
^fSince ^w he shall see the fate ⁱof his foes.
- 9 He disperses; he gives to the needy;
His righteousness is standing into the future;
His horn shall be exalted in glory.
- 10 The wicked one, he shall see and be ^vvexed;
He shall gnash his teeth and ^mmelt away.
The yearning of the wicked shall perish.

Praise Yah

- 113 Praise, O servants of Yahweh,
Praise ^tthe Name of Yahweh.
- 2 Let the Name of Yahweh ^bbe blessedⁱ,
Henceforth and ^ffor the eon.
- 3 From the rising of the sun unto its setting,
Let the Name of Yahweh be praisedⁱ.
- 4 Exaltedⁱ over all nations is Yahweh,
Over the heavens, His glory.
- 5 ^aWho is like Yahweh our Elohim,
The One elevatedⁱ ⁱin His dwellingⁱ,
- 6 The One condescending ⁱin His vigilanceⁱ
ⁱOver the heavens and ⁱthe earth.
- 7 Raising the poor from the soil,
He ⁱexalts the needy from the ash heaps,
- 8 ^bGiving a seat ^{wi}among the patrons,
^{wi}Among the patrons of his people,
- 9 Causing the barren to dwell at ^hhome
As a mother of ^ssons, rejoicing.
Praise Yah.
- 114 ⁱWhen Israel went forthⁱ from Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a barbarousⁱ people,
- 2 Judah became ^bHis sanctuary,
Israel, His dominion.
- 3 The sea, it ^{see}looked and ^ffled;
The Jordan, it turned ^aaround ^baf/backward.

- 4 The mountains, they danced like rams,
 The hills like the young of the flock.
 5 What is it 'with you, O sea, that you are fleeing,
 'Jordan, that you are turning around 'a/backward,
 6 'Mountains, that you are dancing like rams.
 Hills, like the young of the flock?
 7 'At ' the presence of the Lord, travail, O earth,
 'At ' the presence of the ^MElohim of ^sJacob,
 8 The One Who turned^l the rock into a pond of water,
 The flintstone into a spring of water.

- 115 Not to us, O 'Yahweh, not to us,
 'But to Your Name give glory,
 On account of Your benignity, ^{on} Your faithfulness.
 2 Why should the nations say,
 Where, pray, is their Elohim?
 3 *Indeed our Elohim is in the heavens;
 All ^wthat He desires, He does.
 4 Their fetishes are silver and gold,
 The ^dwork of human hands;
 5 They 'have a mouth, +but they cannot 'speak;
 They 'have eyes, +but they cannot 'see;
 6 They 'have ears, +but they cannot 'hear;
 They 'have a nose, +but they cannot 'smell;
 7 Their hands, + they cannot 'feel with them;
 Their feet, + they cannot 'walk with them;
 They cannot even 'mumble in their throat.
 8 Like them, may their ^dmakers' become,
 All who are trusting in them.
 9 ⁷House of ^{cs} Israel, trust in Yahweh;
 He is their Help and their Shield.
 10 House of Aaron, trust in Yahweh;
 He is their Help and their Shield.
 11 You who are fearing Yahweh, trust in Yahweh;
 He is their Help and their Shield.
 12 Yahweh, He remembers us; He shall bless ⁷us^c;
 He shall bless 'the house of Israel;

- He shall bless `the house of Aaron;
 13 He shall bless those fearing Yahweh,
 The small with the great.
 14 May Yahweh add ^{on}to you,
^{on}To you and ^{on}to your sons.
 15 Blessed^l be you ^yby Yahweh,
 Maker^l of the heavens and earth.
 16 The heavens are Yahweh's heavens,
 +Yet He has given the earth to the sons of humanity.
 17 The dead cannot ^praise Yah,
 Nor all those descending into stillness.
 18 +But we, we ⁷the living^o, shall bless Yah,
 Henceforth and unto the eon.
 Praise Yah!

- 116 I love Him [']because Yahweh has [']heard
[']My voice, my supplications;
 2 For He has stretched out His ear to me,
 And I shall call on Him [']throughout all my days.
 3 The cables of death have enveloped me,
 And the constrictions of the unseen,
 they have converged upon me;
 I [']found distress and affliction.
 4 +Then I [']called [']on the Name of Yahweh,
 Oh Yahweh, do make a way of escape for my soul.
 5 Gracious is Yahweh and righteous,
 And our Elohim is compassionate^l;
 6 The One guarding the simple is Yahweh;
 I was impoverished, and He [']saved [']me.
 7 Return to your rest, my soul,
 For Yahweh, He has dealt bountifully ^{on}with you.
 8 [']Indeed, You have extricated my soul from death,
[']My eye from tears,
[']My feet from foundering.
 9 I shall walk before Yahweh
 In the land of the living.
 10 I believe; [']wherefore I am speaking:
 I [']am very much humbled;

- 11 I' said in my consternation,
 Every 'human is a liar'.
 12 What can I 'restore to Yahweh
 For all His bountiful dealings ^{on}toward me?
 13 I shall take up the cup of salvation
 And call 'on the Name of Yahweh.
 14 I shall pay my vows to Yahweh
 Straight in^d front 'of all His people.
 15 Precious in the eyes of Yahweh
 Is the death 'of His benign ones.
 16 Oh Yahweh, seeing that I am Your servant,
 I am Your servant, son of Your maidservant,
 You have opened 'up my bonds;
 17 I shall sacrifice to You a sacrifice of acclamation
 And call 'on the Name of Yahweh.
 18 I shall pay my vows to Yahweh
 Straight in^d front 'of all His people,
 19 In the courts of Yahweh's House,
 In your midst, Jerusalem.
 Praise Yah.

- 117 Praise 'Yahweh, all nations!
 Laud Him, all 'clans!
 2 For His benignity is masterful over us,
 And Yahweh's faithfulness is 'eonian.
 Praise Yah.

- 118 Acclaim 'Yahweh, for He is good!
 For His benignity is 'eonian.
 2 Let Israel ^{pr}surely say,
 'His benignity is 'eonian.
 3 Let the house of Aaron ^{pr}surely say,
 'His benignity is 'eonian.
 4 Let those fearing Yahweh ^{pr}surely say,
 'His benignity is 'eonian.
 5 From 'my constriction, I called on Yah;
 Yah answered me 'with a wide place.
 6 Yahweh is for me; I shall not fear

- What a human may do to me.
- 7 Yahweh is for me 'as my Helper',
And I' shall see the fate 'of those hating me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in Yahweh
'Than to trust' in a human.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in Yahweh
'Than to trust' in patrons.
- 10 All nations, they have surrounded me;
It was 'with the Name of Yahweh
That I 'cut them off.
- 11 They surrounded me; ^{mr}indeed they surrounded me;
It was 'with the Name of Yahweh
That I 'cut them off.
- 12 They surrounded me like bees;
They were extinguished like a fire of thorns.
It was 'with the Name of Yahweh
That I 'cut them off.
- 13 'I was pushed~^c, yea pushed' so as to fall,
+Yet Yahweh, He helped me.
- 14 Yah is my Strength and 'my^{cs} Melody,
And He 'became mine for salvation.
- 15 The sound of jubilant song and salvation
Comes 'from the tents of the righteous:
Yahweh's right hand does' valiantly;
- 16 Yahweh's right hand is exalted';
Yahweh's right hand does' valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die 'but shall live,
And I shall recount the ^ddeeds of Yah.
- 18 Yah has disciplined, yea disciplined' me,
+Yet He has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open the gates of righteousness to me;
I shall enter 'through them and acclaim Yah.
- 20 This is the gate belonging to Yahweh;
The righteous, they shall enter 'through it.
- 21 I am acclaiming You, for You have answered me,
And You 'became mine for salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders' rejected,

It came to be for the head of the corner.

- 23 From 'Yahweh ^bcame this;
It is marvelous^l in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day Yahweh has ^dmade;
Let us exult and rejoice in it.
- 25 Oh Yahweh, ^{pr}do save us!
Oh Yahweh, ^{pr}do prosper us!
- 26 Blessed^l in the Name of Yahweh is he 'who is coming;
We bless you from the House of Yahweh.
- 27 El is Yahweh, and He shall enlighten 'us.
Bind the way of celebration 'with entwined boughs
Unto the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my El, and I am acclaiming You;
My Elohim, I am exalting You.
- 29 Acclaim 'Yahweh, for He is good!
For His benignity is 'eonian.

119 Happy are those whose way is flawless,
Who are walking in the law of Yahweh.

- 2 Happy are those preserving His testimonies;
'With all their heart, they are seeking after Him.
- 3 Indeed, they do not contrive iniquity;
In His ways they walk.
- 4 You Yourself have enjoined that Your precepts
Are to be kept very faithfully.
- 5 O that my ways should be established
To keep Your statutes.
- 6 Then I should not be ashamed
'When I look^r to all Your instructions.
- 7 I shall acclaim You in uprightness of heart,
'While I learn^r Your righteous ordinances.
- 8 'Your statutes shall I keep;
O do not 'forsake me ^{fr}utterly.
- 9 Whereby shall a youth purge 'his path?
'By keeping^r ^{as}Your word.
- 10 'With all my heart, I have sought after You;
O do not 'let me 'err from Your instructions.
- 11 In my heart have I stored up Your ^{sa}promise,

- That I may not 'sin 'against You.
 12 Blessed' be You, O Yahweh;
 Teach me Your statutes.
 13 'With my lips I recount
 All the ordinances from Your mouth.
 14 In the way of Your testimonies I am elated,
 As over all wealth.
 15 I will 'meditate in Your precepts,
 And I will 'scrutinize Your paths.
 16 In Your statutes am I reveling;
 I am not forgetting Your word.
 17 Deal bountifully ^{on} with Your servant,
 That I may live and keep Your word.
 18 Expose my eyes ⁺ that I may scrutinize
 The marvels' / of Your law.
 19 I am a sojourner 'upon the earth;
 O do not 'conceal Your instructions from me.
 20 My soul is broken up 'by an ardent desire
 For Your ordinances in every season.
 21 You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed',
 'Who are erring from Your instructions.
 22 Roll reproach and contempt away from ^{on} me,
 For I have preserved Your testimonies.
 23 Even though chiefs have sat and ^{sa}plotted 'against me,
 Your servant, he shall meditate 'on Your statutes;
 24 Even so Your testimonies are my delectations,
⁷Your statutes^o are my men of counsel.
 25 My soul clings to the soil;
 Revive me according to Your word.
 26 I have recounted my ways, and You 'answered me;
 Teach me Your statutes.
 27 ^cMake me understand the way of Your precepts,
⁺ And I will 'meditate 'on Your marvelous' works.
 28 My soul is racked / with affliction;
 Raise me up according to Your word.
 29 Withdraw the false way from me,
 And favor me with Your own law.
 30 The way of faithfulness have I chosen;

- Your ordinances have I poised before me.
- 31 I cling ^tto Your testimonies;
O Yahweh, let me not be ^cput to 'shame.
- 32 In the way of Your instructions shall I run,
For You are widening my heart.
- 33 Direct me, O Yahweh, in the way of Your statutes,
⁺That I may preserve it as the consequence.
- 34 ^cMake me understand, and I will [']preserve Your law
And keep it [']with all my heart.
- 35 Cause me to tread in the track of Your instructions,
For I delight in it.
- 36 Stretch out my heart to Your testimonies,
And not at all to selfish gain.
- 37 ^pAvert my eyes from ^{see}looking['] at futile things;
Revive me in Your way.
- 38 Confirm for Your servant Your ^{sa}promise
^wThat leads me to the fear of You.
- 39 Cause my reproach, from which I shrink, to pass away,
For Your ordinances are good.
- 40 Behold, I ardently desire [']Your precepts;
Revive me in Your righteousness.
- 41 And let Your benignities come to me, O Yahweh,
Your salvation according to Your ^{sa}promise.
- 42 ⁺Then I shall have a word
to answer the one reproaching me.
For I trust in Your word.
- 43 And do not ⁿdivert~ the word of truth
from my mouth ^{fr}utterly,
For I have ^mset my hope [']in Your ordinances.
- 44 ⁺ I will [']keep your law continually,
For the eon and further.
- 45 ⁺ I will [']walk in wideness,
For I have sought after Your precepts.
- 46 ⁺ I will [']speak ⁱof Your testimonies in front of kings
And not be [']ashamed.
- 47 ⁺For I am reveling in Your instructions
Which I love.

- 48 +Thus I am lifting my palms unto Your instructions
^wthat I love,
 And I will 'meditate 'on Your statutes.
- 49 Remember Your word to Your servant,
 On which You have ^mset my hope.
- 50 This is my consolation in my humiliation,
 That Your ^{sa}promise revives me.
- 51 The arrogant, they mock me ^{fr} exceedingly,
 Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
- 52 I remember Your ordinances from the eon, O Yahweh,
 And I find 'comfort for myself.
- 53 A simoon storm has taken hold of me [/]because of the wicked
 Who are forsaking Your law.
- 54 Your statutes, they have become psalms to me
 In the house of my sojournings.
- 55 I remember Your Name in the night, O Yahweh,
 +That I may keep Your law.
- 56 This has become my practice,
 That I preserve Your precepts.
- 57 You are my Portion, O Yahweh;
 I have ^{sa}promised to keep Your words.
- 58 I have beseeched Your presence 'with all my heart;
 Be gracious to me according to Your ^{sa}promise.
- 59 I have ^mtaken account of my ways;
 +So let me turn back my feet to Your testimonies.
- 60 I hurry and do not dally
 To keep Your instructions.
- 61 The cables of the wicked, they bind me about,
 Yet I do not forget Your law.
- 62 At midnight I 'arise to acclaim ' You
^{on}For Your righteous ordinances.
- 63 I am a partner to all who fear You,
 And to those keeping Your precepts.
- 64 Your benignity, O Yahweh, it fills the earth;
 Teach me Your statutes.
- 65 You have ^ddealt well with Your servant,
 O Yahweh, according to Your word.
- 66 Teach me good discretion and knowledge,

- For I rely ⁱupon Your instructions.
67 Before I was ^hhumbled, I was erring,
⁺But now I keep Your ^{sa}promise close.
68 You are good and are ^cdoing us good;
Teach me Your statutes.
69 The arrogant smear me ^{on}with falsehood;
As for me, ⁱwith all my heart I ^ppreserve Your precepts.
70 Stolid like fat is their heart;
As for me, I revel in Your law.
71 It is good for me that I was humbled,
That I may ^llearn Your statutes.
72 Better to me is the law of Your mouth
^lThan thousands of gold and silver.
73 Your hands, they have ^dmade me and are establishing me;
^cGive me understanding ⁺so I may learn Your instructions.
74 May those fearing You see me and rejoice,
For I ^mset my hope ⁱn Your word.
75 I know, O Yahweh, that Your ordinances are righteous,
And You have humbled me in faithfulness.
76 ^{pr}Now may Your benignity become ⁺my comfort,
According to Your ^{sa}promise to Your servant.
77 May Your compassions come on me ⁺that I may live,
For Your law is my delectation.
78 May the arrogant be ashamed,
for without cause have they distorted me;
As for me, I shall meditate ⁱon Your precepts.
79 May those fearing You turn back to me,
⁺Those knowing Your testimonies.
80 May my heart become flawless in Your statutes,
That I may not ^bbe ashamed.
81 My soul is ^{all}exhausted looking for Your salvation;
I have ^mset my hope ⁱn Your word.
82 My eyes are ^{all}exhausted looking for Your ^{sa}promise,
⁺ ^{sa}Asking, When shall You comfort me?
83 Though I have become like an unused skin-bottle,
hanging in smoke fumes,
I have not forgotten Your statutes.
84 How long are the days of Your servant?

When shall You ^dbring judgment ⁱupon my persecutors?^o

- 85 The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
Who do not act according to Your law.
- 86 All Your instructions are faithful,
But they persecute me without cause; O help me.
- 87 Soon they would ^{all}finish me ⁱfrom the earth,
⁺Yet I myself have not forsaken Your precepts.
- 88 Revive me according to Your benignity,
And I will ⁱkeep the testimony of Your mouth.
- 89 For the eon, O Yahweh,
Your word is stationedⁱ in the heavens.
- 90 For generation ⁺after generation is Your faithfulness;
You have established the earth, and it shall stand.
- 91 They stand today [']by Your ordinances,
For they all are Your servants.
- 92 Unless Your law had been my delectation,
Then I would have perished in my humiliation.
- 93 For the eon I shall not forget Your precepts,
For ⁱby them have You revived me.
- 94 I am Yours; save me,
For I have sought after Your precepts.
- 95 The wicked stretch out toward [']me to destroy me,
But I gain ⁱunderstanding of Your testimonies.
- 96 I have seen the end [']of every aspiration,
Yet Your instruction is very wide.
- 97 ^{wt}How I love Your law!
The entire day it is my meditation.
- 98 Your ⁷instruction^{-s} makes me [']wiser ^fthan my enemiesⁱ,
For it is [']with me for the eon.
- 99 I have ^cgained insight more ^fthan all my teachersⁱ,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I have gained more ⁱunderstanding ^fthan elders,
For I preserve Your precepts.
- 101 I detain my feet from every evil path,
That I may ⁱkeep Your word.
- 102 I do not withdraw from Your ordinances,
For You Yourself direct me.

- 103 ^{wt}How savory are Your ^{7sa}promises^{-cs} to my palate,
Better ^fthan honey to my mouth!
- 104 From Your precepts I gain ^lunderstanding;
Therefore I hate every false path.
- 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet,
And a light to my tracks.
- 106 I have sworn — ⁺ let me confirm it —
To keep Your righteous ordinances.
- 107 I am humbled ^{fr} utterly;
O Yahweh, revive me according to Your word.
- 108 ^{pr}Do accept the voluntary offerings
of my mouth, O Yahweh,
And teach me Your ordinances.
- 109 My soul is placed in my palms continually,
⁺ Yet I do not forget Your law.
- 110 Wicked ones have ^gplaccd a snare for me,
⁺ Yet I do not stray from Your precepts.
- 111 I am allotted Your testimonies for the eon;
^l Indeed they are the elation of my heart.
- 112 I stretch out my heart to ^dperform Your statutes;
The consequence is for the eon.
- 113 I hate forked tongues,
⁺ But I love Your law.
- 114 My Concealment and my Shield are You;
I ^mset my hope ^lin Your word.
- 115 Go away from me, you evildoers^l;
⁺ I will ^lpreserve the instructions of my Elohim.
- 116 Support me according to Your ^{sa}promise ⁺ that I may live,
And let me not be ^cput to ^lshame
^fbecause of my hopefulness.
- 117 Brace me ⁺ that I may be saved,
And I will continually ^lheed ⁱ Your statutes.
- 118 You have cast aside all those erring from Your statutes,
For their deceitfulness shows their falsity.
- 119 You have ⁷reckoned^{-s} all the wicked of the earth as dross;
Therefore I love Your testimonies.

119:103 7--cs ^{sa}promises: Hb ^{sa}promise.

119:119 7--s reckoned: Hb eradicated.

- 120 My flesh bristles from awe of You,
And I fear ^fYour judgments.
- 121 I have ^dperformed right judgment and righteousness;
Do not leave me to those extorting me.
- 122 Be surety for Your servant's well-being;
Let not the arrogant be extorting me.
- 123 My eyes, they are ^{all}exhausted, looking for Your salvation
And for Your righteous ^{sa}promise.
- 124 ^dDeal with Your servant according to Your benignity,
And teach me Your statutes.
- 125 I am Your servant; ^cgive me understanding
So ⁺that I may know Your testimonies.
- 126 It is the season for Yahweh to ^dact;
They annul Your law.
- 127 Therefore I love Your instructions
More ^fthan gold, ⁺even ^fthan glittering gold.
- 128 Therefore all [']Your~ p^{re}cepts do I ^mhold upright;
Every false path do I hate.
- 129 Marvelous are Your testimonies;
Therefore my soul preserves them.
- 130 The opening of Your words is enlightening,
^cMaking the simple proficient.
- 131 With my mouth I gape; ⁺so let me gasp,
For I ardently desire [']Your instructions.
- 132 Turn toward [']me and be gracious to me
According to the custom for those loving Your Name.
- 133 Establish my footsteps in Your ^{sa}promise,
And let not any lawlessness ^chave [']authority ⁱover me.
- 134 Ransom me from human extortion,
And I will [']keep Your precepts.
- 135 ^cLet Your face enlighten ⁱYour servant,
And teach me [`]Your statutes.
- 136 Rille^ts of water, they descend from my eyes
^{on}Because men do not keep Your law.
- 137 You are righteous, O Yahweh,
And Your judgments are upright.
- 138 Your testimonies which You have enjoined are righteous

- And very faithful.
 139 My zeal gnaws at me,
 For my foes forget Your words.
 140 Refined¹ is Your ^{sa}promise exceedingly,
 And Your servant, he loves it.
 141 I am insignificant and despised¹,
 Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
 142 Your righteousness is ' eonian righteousness,
 And Your law is truth.
 143 Though distress and constraint have converged on me,
 Your instructions are my delectations.
 144 Your testimonies are ' eonian righteousness;
^cGive me understanding ⁺that I may live.
 145 I call out ⁱwith all my heart; answer me, O Yahweh;
 I will ⁱpreserve Your statutes.
 146 I call out to You; O save me,
 And I will ⁱkeep Your testimonies.
 147 I rise before ⁱthe morning gloaming, ⁺that I may implore;
 I ^mset my hope 'in Your words.
 148 My wakeful eyes have gone before the night vigils
 To meditate 'on Your ^{sa}promise.
 149 Do hear my voice according to Your benignity;
 O Yahweh, according to Your right judgment, revive me.
 150 ⁷Those persecuting me^{~cs} draw near with evil scheme;
 They are far from Your law.
 151 You are near, O Yahweh,
 And all Your instructions are truth.
 152 Long ago I came to know from Your testimonies
 That You had founded them for the eon.
 153 See my humiliation, and liberate me,
 For I have not forgotten Your law.
 154 Do contend my cause and redeem me;
 Revive me 'with Your ^{sa}promise.
 155 Far from the wicked is salvation,
 For they do not seek after Your statutes.
 156 Your compassions are many, O Yahweh;
 Revive me according to Your ordinances.

- 157 Many are my persecutors¹ and my foes,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
- 158 I see the treacherous¹, and I am ¹'disgusted
^wBecause they do not keep Your ^{sa}promise close.
- 159 See ¹'how I love Your precepts;
O Yahweh, according to Your benignity revive me.
- 160 The sum of Your word is truth,
And all of Your righteous ordinances are ¹'eonian.
- 161 Chief men, they persecute me gratuitously,
⁺Yet my heart stands in awe ¹'before Your word.
- 162 I am elated¹ over Your ^{sa}promise
Like one finding much loot.
- 163 I hate what is false, and I will always ¹'abhor it;
I love Your law.
- 164 Seven times in a day I praise You
^{on}For Your righteous ordinances.
- 165 Much peace is for those loving Your law,
And there is no stumbling block for them.
- 166 I look forward to Your salvation, O Yahweh,
And I ^d'perform Your instructions.
- 167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I ¹'love them exceedingly.
- 168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways are in front of You.
- 169 May my appeal come near before You, O Yahweh;
According to Your word, ^cgive me understanding.
- 170 May my supplication come before You;
According to Your ^{sa}promise, rescue me.
- 171 May my lips utter praise,
For You ¹'teach me Your statutes.
- 172 May my tongue sing in response to Your ^{sa}promise,
For all Your instructions are righteous.
- 173 May Your hand ^b'be ready to help me,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
- 174 I ardently desire ¹' Your salvation, O Yahweh,
And Your law is my delectation.
- 175 May my soul live and praise You,
And may Your ordinances help me.

- 176 I have strayed like a lost¹ flockling; seek Your servant,
For I have not forgotten Your instructions.

A Song of 'Ascents

120 To Yahweh in my distress

- I call out ⁺that He may answer me.
2 O Yahweh, do rescue my soul from the false lip,
From the deceitful tongue.
3 What shall He give to you,
And what more shall He add for you,
Deceitful tongue?
4 He will send arrows of the masterful, whetted¹
With glowing embers of broom!
5 Woe to me, for I sojourn in Meshech;
I tabernacle ^{wi}among the tents of Kedar.
6 Long enough for itself has my soul tabernacled
With a people hating peace.
7 I am for peace, ⁺yet [']when I [']speak
They are for war.

A Song for Ascents

121 I am lifting my eyes to the mountains;

- From where shall my help come?
2 My help is from ^{wi}Yahweh,
^dMaker¹ of the heavens and earth.
3 He shall certainly not ^gallow your foot to slip;
Your Guardian¹ shall certainly not slumber.
4 Behold, He is neither slumbering nor sleeping,
The Guardian¹ of Israel.
5 Yahweh is your Guardian¹;
Yahweh is your Protecting Shade ^{on}at your right hand.
6 By day the sun shall not smite you,
⁺Nor the moon [']by night.
7 Yahweh Himself shall guard you from all peril;
He shall guard [']your soul.
8 Yahweh Himself shall guard your going forth[~]
and your coming[~] in,
Henceforth and unto the eon.

A Song of 'Ascents, Davidic

- 122 I rejoiced ⁱwith those saying to me,
 Let us go to the House of Yahweh.
 2 Our feet ^bare standing
 In your gateways, O Jerusalem,
 3 Jerusalem, being built
 Like a city ^wthat is joined to itself together,
 4 Where the tribes ascend,
 The tribes of Yah, a testimony for Israel,
 To acclaim ['] the Name of Yahweh.
 5 For there ^d are located thrones [']of judgment,
 The thrones for the house of David.
 6 Ask for Jerusalem's well-being;
 May those loving you be at ease.
 7 May peace ^bbe within your estate,
 Ease within your citadels.
 8 For the sake of my brothers and my associates,
 Let me ^{sp}say ^{pr}again,
 Peace be within you.
 9 For the sake of the House of Yahweh our Elohim,
 Let me seek your good.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 123 To You I lift up [`]my eyes,
 The One dwelling in the heavens.
 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look
 to the hand of their lords,
 As the eyes of a maid
 to the hand of her mistress,
 So do our eyes look to Yahweh our Elohim
 Until ^w He should be gracious to us.
 3 Be gracious to us,
 O Yahweh, be gracious to us,
 For we are surfeited greatly with contempt.
 4 For itself is our soul greatly surfeited
 With the derision of the self-satisfied,
 With the contempt [']of the proud.

A Song of 'Ascents, Davidic

- 124 Unless Yahweh Himself ^w had ^bbeen for us,
^{pr}Now let Israel say,
 2 Unless Yahweh Himself ^w had ^bbeen for us,
ⁱWhen mankind rose ^{on} against us,
 3 Then they would have swallowed us up alive
 In the heat^r of their anger ⁱagainst us;
 4 Then the waters, they would have engulfed us,
 The torrent, it would have passed over our soul;
 5 Then there would have passed over our soul
 The rampaging ^rwaters.
 6 Blessedⁱ be Yahweh,
 Who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
 7 Our soul, like a bird has it escaped
 from the snare of the trappersⁱ;
 The snare has been brokenⁱ,
 and we^r have escaped.
 8 Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,
^dMakerⁱ of the heavens and earth.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 125 'Those who trustⁱ in Yahweh are like Mount Zion
 which is ⁱimmovable;
 It shall dwell securely for the eon.
 2 As Jerusalem has mountains round about ^r it,
⁺So Yahweh is round about ^r His people
 Henceforth and unto the eon.
 3 For the scepter of the wicked shall not settle
 over the lot of the righteous,
 So that the righteous may not ⁱput forth their hands
 into iniquity.
 4 ^cDo good, O Yahweh, to the good
 And to those who are upright in their hearts.
 5 ⁺As for those who turn asideⁱ to their tortuous ways,
 May Yahweh banish them
^rwith the contriversⁱ of lawlessness.
 Peace be on Israel.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 126 'When Yahweh reversed` the captivity of Zion,
We became like those who are dreaming.
2 Then our mouth was 'filled with mirth
And our tongue with jubilant song.
Then they 'said 'among the nations,
Yahweh has 'done great things 'in His ^ddealings`
with these people.
3 Yahweh did 'do great things 'in His ^ddealings` with us;
We ^bwere a rejoicing people.
4 Do reverse again, O Yahweh, 'our captivity
Like channels in the Negev.
5 'Those who sow' 'with tears,
'With jubilant song shall they reap.
6 Going` out, he 'goes *with weeping`,
Bearing the drawbag of seed;
Coming` in, he 'comes 'with jubilant song,
Bearing his grain-sheaves.

A Song of 'Ascents, Solomonic

- 127 If Yahweh Himself is not building a house,
Its builders^l toil futilely in it.
If Yahweh Himself is not guarding a city,
The sentinel^l is alert futilely.
2 Futile is it for you^o to rise` early^l,
And ^{sit}stay` up late^l,
Eating the bread of grievous labor;
Yet so is He giving to His beloved in their sleep.
3 Behold, sons are an allotment from Yahweh;
The fruit of the belly is a reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a master,
So are the sons of youthful parents.
5 Happy is the master who fills `his quiver ^fwith them;
They shall not be ashamed
'When they are speaking `with enemies^l in the gateway.

127:2 you: i.e., enemies of Yahweh.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 128 Happy is everyone who is fearing Yahweh,
 'Who is walking in His ways.
- 2 The fruit of the labor of your palms shall you 'surely eat;
 Happy are you, and it will be well for you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful' vine
 In the recesses of your house,
 Your sons like transplanted olive shoots
 Round about ' your table.
- 4 Behold that so a master is being blessed,
 Who is fearing Yahweh.
- 5 May Yahweh bless you from Zion;
 +Thus see ⁱ the goodness of Jerusalem
 All the days of your life,
- 6 And see the sons 'of your sons.
 Peace be on Israel.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 129 Many times have they distressed me from my youth,
 May Israel ^{p'}now say,
- 2 Many times have they distressed me from my youth,
^{mr}Yet they did not prevail 'against me.
- 3 On my arched back have the ⁷wicked^{-Q} plowed;
 They have lengthened ' their plowing lines.
- 4 Yahweh is just;
 He has cut away the ropes of the wicked.
- 5 They shall be put to shame and turned away ^{af}backward,
 All who are hating Zion.
- 6 They shall become like grass on the housetops,
 Which dries up before it unfurls,
- 7 With which neither the one reaping can fill his palm,
 +Nor the one binding sheaves his bosom pouch.
- 8 And 'those passing by do not even say,
 Yahweh's blessing be 'on you.
 Yet we do bless 'you all in the Name of Yahweh.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 130 From the depths I call out to You,
 O Yahweh;
 2 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, do hear ⁱ my voice;
 Let Your ears ^bbe attentive
 To the sound of my supplications.
 3 If You should keep account of depravities, O Yah,
 O ^sYahweh^{ph}, ^awho should stand?
 4 For with You is 'pardon
 That You may be devoutly 'feared.
 5 I am expectant for Yahweh; my soul is expectant,
 And I wait for His word.
 6 My soul longs for ^sYahweh^{ph}
 More 'than sentinels' for the morning,
 Yea, sentinels' for the morning.
 7 Wait, Israel, for Yahweh,
 For with Yahweh is benignity,
 And with Him abundant' ransom.
 8 And He Himself shall ransom 'Israel
 From all its depravities.

A Song of 'Ascents, Davidic

- 131 O Yahweh, my heart is not haughty;
 Nor are my eyes set high,
 And I do not walk in ways too great
 +Or ⁱ too difficult' ^ffor me.
 2 Assuredly I have poised and stilled my soul
 Like a weaned' child ^{on}with his mother;
 Like a weaned' child is my soul ^{on}to me.
 3 Wait, Israel, for Yahweh,
 Henceforth and unto the eon.

A Song of 'Ascents

- 132 Remember, O Yahweh, 'concerning David,
 'All his humiliation',
 2 ^wHow he swore to Yahweh

- And vowed to the Sturdy One of Jacob:
- 3 I shall assuredly not come into my tent house,
Assuredly not go up ^{on} to the cot of my berth,
- 4 Assuredly not give sleep to my eyes,
Or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 Until I should find a place for Yahweh,
A Grand Tabernacle for the Sturdy One of Jacob.
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
We found it in the fields of Jaar.
- 7 Let us go to His Grand Tabernacle;
Let us worship 'at His footstool.
- 8 Do arise, O Yahweh, to Your resting place,
You and the coffer of Your strength.
- 9 Your priests, may they be clothed with righteousness,
And Your benign ones, may they be jubilant.
- 10 For the sake of David, Your servant,
O do not 'turn back from the face of Your anointed one.
- 11 Yahweh has sworn to David the truth;
He shall not turn back from it:
Out /of the fruit of your loin
Shall I set One 'on your throne.
- 12 If your sons should keep My covenant
And My testimonies that I shall teach them,
Their sons ^{mr}also unto the future,
They shall sit 'on your throne.
- 13 For Yahweh has chosen ⁱ Zion;
He yearns for it 'as His dwelling place:
- 14 This is My resting place unto the future;
Here shall I dwell, for I yearn for it.
- 15 Its provision shall I bless, yea bless';
Its needy ones shall I satisfy with bread;
- 16 + Its priests shall I clothe with salvation,
And its benign ones,
they shall be jubilant, yea jubilant';
- 17 There shall I ^cmake the horn 'of David sprout;
I will arrange a lamp for My anointed one.
- 18 His enemies' shall I clothe with shame,
+Yet his insignia shall blossom upon him.

A Song of Ascents, Davidic

- 133 Behold, ^whow good and ^whow pleasant
 For brothers to dwell ^mas one.
 2 It is like the good oil upon the head,
 Descending upon the beard,
 Aaron's beard, which is descending over the slit of his coats.
 3 It is like the night mist of Hermon,
 Which is descending upon the mountain ranges of Zion,
 For there Yahweh has determined ^the blessing to be,
 Life ^ffor the eon.

A Song of Ascents

- 134 Behold, bless ^tYahweh, all servants of Yahweh,
 Who are standing in Yahweh's House ⁱby ⁿight.
 2 Lift your hands toward the Sanctuary,
 And bless ^tYahweh.
 3 May Yahweh bless you from Zion,
 Maker^l of the heavens and earth.

135 Praise Yah.

- Praise ^tthe Name of Yahweh;
 Praise Him, servants of Yahweh,
 2 Who are standing in Yahweh's House,
 In the courts of the House of our Elohim.
 3 Praise Yah, for Yahweh is good;
 Make melody to His Name, for it is pleasant.
 4 For Yah chose Jacob for Himself,
 Israel for His special possession.
 5 For I myself know that Yahweh is great,
 And our Lord is greater ^fthan all elohim.
 6 All ^wthat Yahweh delights He does,
 In the heavens and ⁱon earth,
 In the seas and every abyss;
 7 He Who is causing vapors to ascend
 from the ends of the earth,
 He has ^dmade ^tsluices[~] for the rain,

135:7 --- sluices: Hb lightnings.

- Who is ^cbringing forthⁱ the wind from His treasure vaults.
 8 He Who smote the firstborn of Egypt
 From human unto beast,
 9 He sent signs and miracles into your midst, Egypt,
ⁱAgainst Pharaoh and ⁱall his servants;
 10 He Who smote many nations
 And killed staunch kings,
 11 ^ʾSihon, king of the Amorite,
 And ^ʾOg, king of ^ʾBashan,
 And ^ʾall the kingdoms of Canaan,
 12 ⁺He gave their country as an allotment,
 An allotment for Israel, His people.
 13 O Yahweh, Your Name is for the eon;
 O Yahweh, Your Remembrance is
 for generation ⁺after generation.
 14 For Yahweh shall adjudicate His people,
 And He shall show Himself merciful over His servants.
 15 The fetishes of the nations are silver and gold,
 The ^dwork of human hands.
 16 They ^ʾhave a mouth, ⁺but they cannot ^ʾspeak;
 They ^ʾhave eyes, ⁺but they cannot ^ʾsee;
 17 They ^ʾhave ears, ⁺but they cannot ^ʾlisten;
 Indeed, there is really no spirit in their mouth.
 18 Like them, may their ^dmakersⁱ become,
 All who are trusting in them.
 19 House of Israel, bless ^ʾYahweh;
 House of Aaron, bless ^ʾYahweh;
 20 House of the Levite, bless ^ʾYahweh;
 You who are fearing Yahweh, bless ^ʾYahweh.
 21 Blessedⁱ be Yahweh from Zion,
 Who is tabernacled in Jerusalem.
 Praise Yah.
- 136 ^cGive acclamation to Yahweh, for He is good,
 For His benignity is ^ʾeonian;
 2 ^cGive acclamation to the Elohim of elohim,
 For His benignity is ^ʾeonian;
 3 ^cGive acclamation to the Lord of lords,

- For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 4 To the One alone ^dworking great marvels',
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 5 To the One ^dmaking the heavens ⁱwith understanding,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 6 To the One situating the earth ^{on}above the waters,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 7 To the One ^dmaking the great lights,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 8 'The sun for ruling ⁱover the day,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 9 'The moon and stars for ruling ⁱover the night,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 10 To the One smiting Egypt in their firstborn,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 11 And Who ^cbrought ⁱforth Israel from their midst,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 12 ⁱBy a steadfast hand and ⁱby an outstretched' arm,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 13 To the One severing the Sea of Weeds into severed parts,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 14 And Who caused Israel to pass ⁱthrough its midst,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 15 And Who shook off Pharaoh and his army
into the Sea of Weeds,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 16 To the One ^gconducting His people
ⁱthrough the wilderness,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 17 To the One smiting great kings,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 18 And Who ⁱkilled prestigious kings,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 19 ⁱSihon king of the Amorite,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 20 And ⁱOg king of 'Bashan,
For His benignity is ' eonian;
- 21 + He gave their country ⁱas an allotment,

- For His benignity is 'eonian;
 22 An allotment to Israel, His servant,
 For His benignity is 'eonian;
 23 Who in our lowliness remembered 'us,
 For His benignity is 'eonian;
 24 And Who 'tore us off from our foes,
 For His benignity is 'eonian;
 25 Who is giving nourishment to all flesh,
 For His benignity is 'eonian;
 26 'Give acclamation to the El of the heavens,
 For His benignity is 'eonian.
- 137 ^{on}By the streams of Babylon,
 There we sat down ^{mr}and lamented,
 'While we remembered 'Zion.
 2 On the oleanders in its midst
 We hung our harps,
 3 For there our captors' asked us for words of song,
 And our enslavers for rejoicing:
 Sing for us from a song of Zion.
 4 How should we sing 'a song of Yahweh
 On foreign ground?
 5 If I should forget you, Jerusalem,
 May my right hand forget its skill.
 6 May my tongue cling to my palate,
 If I should not remember you,
 If I should not elevate 'Jerusalem
 Over my principal rejoicings.
 7 Remember, O Yahweh, 'against Edom's sons,
 'In Jerusalem's day,
 'Those who were saying, Raze it, raze it,
^{fr}Even 'to its foundation.
 8 Daughter of Babylon, the devastator',
 Happy is he who shall repay 'you
 'With your dealing which you dealt to us.
 9 Happy is he who shall hold and 'shatter
 your descendants
 'Against the crag.

Davidic

- 138 I shall acclaim You, ⁷O Yahweh^{Qcs}, ⁱwith all my heart;
In front of the elohim shall I make melody to You.
- 2 I shall worship toward Your holy Temple
And shall acclaim `Your Name
^{on}For Your benignity and ^{on}for Your faithfulness,
For You have magnified Your Name,
Your ^{sa}promise, over all else.
- 3 In the day I call, ⁺then You `answer me;
You ^cmake me `dauntless with strength in my soul.
- 4 May all the kings of the earth acclaim You, O Yahweh,
ⁱWhen they hear the ^{sa}promises of Your mouth;
- 5 And may they sing ⁱof Yahweh's ways,
For great is the glory of Yahweh.
- 6 Though Yahweh is exalted, ⁺yet He `discerns the lowly,
And He `knows the haughty one from afar.
- 7 If I `walk ⁱ within distress, You `revive me;
You `send Your hand upon the anger of my enemies',
And You `save me with Your right hand.
- 8 Yahweh, He shall perfect in my future;
O Yahweh, Your benignity is for the eon.
The ^dworks of Your hands, O do not `relax.
⁺Permanent'

A Davidic Psalm

- 139 O Yahweh, You have investigated me
and are knowing me;
- 2 You Yourself know my sitting` down and my rising' up;
You understand ` my thought from afar;
- 3 My path and my pallet You have measured off,
And for all my ways You have ^cmade provision.
- 4 For though there be no declaration ⁱon my tongue,
Behold, O Yahweh, You know it all.
- 5 Back and front, You have besieged me,
And You `set Your palm upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is marvelous ⁱbeyond me;
It is impregnable; I `cannot reach to it.

- 7 Whither could I 'go from Your spirit,
And whither could I run 'away from Your presence?
- 8 If I should climb to the heavens, You are there,
And should I 'make my berth in^d the unseen,
behold, You are there.
- 9 Should I wear the wings of dawn,
Should I tabernacle in the hindmost sea,
- 10 Even there Your hand would 'guide me,
And Your right hand, it would 'hold me.
- 11 *If I 'said, ^ySurely darkness, it ~'snuffed me up~,
And night ^Qis belted~ about me,
- 12 Even darkness, it is not darkening ^fto You,
And the night, as the day, is ^cgiving light;
^{as} Darkness is as light.
- 13 For You Yourself achieved the making
of my innermost being;
You 'overshadowed me in my mother's belly.
- 14 I shall acclaim You, ^{on}
for ⁷You are^{Qcs} fearfullyⁱ distinguished;
Marvelousⁱ are Your ^dworks.
+ ~You have known~ my soul very thoroughly;
- 15 My skeleton was not suppressed from You,
^wWhen I was ^dmade in concealment;
I was woven together as in the nether parts of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my embryo,
And my days, all of them were 'written upon Your scroll;
The days were formed +when there was not one ⁱof them.
- 17 + ^{wt}How precious are Your thoughts to me, O El,
^{wt}How plentiful are their sums:
- 18 If I 'number them, they are 'more ^fthan the sand.
I awake, and I am still with You.
- 19 O ⁱf that You would 'despatch the wicked, O Eloah,
And bloodthirsty men would withdrawⁱ from me,
- 20 Those who ^{isa}speak of You 'with evil scheming;
They bear words 'of hypocrisy ~^{on}against You~.

139:11 --- 'snuffed me up: Hb 'hurt me; Q-- is belted: Hb light.

139:14 7 Qcs You are; Hb I am; --- You have known: MT Knowing.

139:20 --- ^{on}against You; Hb Your cities.

- 21 Do I not ^hhate those hating You, O Yahweh,
And ^hwith those rising against You, am I not ^hdisgusted?
22 With ^{all}complete hatred I hate them;
They have become ^henemies^h to me.
23 Search me out, O El, and know my heart;
Test me, and know my disquieting thoughts.
24 ⁺ See if a grievous way is in me,
And guide me in the way eonian.
^hPermanent^h

A Davidic Psalm

- 140 Liberate me, O Yahweh, from the evil ^hperson;
From the man of violence may You preserve me;
2 Those who devise evil deeds in their heart,
All day long they ^hstir up warfare;
3 They whet their tongue like a serpent;
The venom of an asp is under their lips.

Interlude

- 4 Keep me, O Yahweh, from the hands of the wicked one;
From the man of violence may You preserve me,
Those who devise ways to trip up my footsteps.
5 Proud men bury a snare for me,
And they spread lines, a net ^hat the side of my route;
They set traps for me.

Interlude

- 6 I ^{sa}avow to Yahweh, You are my El;
Do ^cgive ear, O Yahweh, to the voice of my supplications.
7 O Yahweh, my Lord, the Strength of my salvation,
You overshadow ^hmy head in the day of the weapon.
8 Do not ^{lg}grant, O Yahweh, the yearnings of the wicked one;
Do not ^hpromote his scheme; ^hlet them not be ^hexalted^s.
9 As for the heads of those round about me,
May the misery done by their lips cover them.
10 May glowing embers slip down over them;
May He cast them into the fire,
Into chasms, so they may rise no more.

- 11 May a man of slander no more become established
in the land;
A man of violence, may evil hunt him 'with jolt after jolt.
- 12 I know that Yahweh shall ^dexecute adjudication
for the humbled,
Right judgment for the needy.
- 13 Yea, the righteous, they shall acclaim ' Your Name;
The upright shall dwell 'in Your presence.

A Davidic Psalm

- 141 O Yahweh, I call on You; do hurry to me;
Do ^cgive ear to my voice ⁱwhen I call 'on You.
- 2 May my prayer be established as incense before You,
The lifting of my palms as the evening approach present.
- 3 Do set, O Yahweh, a sentinel for my mouth,
⁷A preserver^{1~ on} at the door of my lips.
- 4 O do not turn my heart aside to evil speaking,
To practice activities in wickedness 'with men
who are contrivers¹ of lawlessness.
And may I dine not at all ⁱon their pleasant things;
- 5 Should the righteous one beat me, it were a kindness,
And should he reprove me; it were oil on my head;
May my head not repudiate it at all.
'But ^{fr}still, + my prayer is 'against their evil deeds;
- 6 When they are released into the hands of Our Crag,
their Grand Judge¹,
+Then they will hear my sayings
and see that they are pleasant.
- 7 As ^wwhen one is harrowing and rending ⁱ the earth,
So our bones are dispersed 'at the mouth of the unseen.
- 8 'Indeed toward You, O Yahweh my Lord,
are my eyes directed;
In You I take refuge; do not 'empty out my soul.
- 9 Keep me from the grip of the snare
they have set to trap ' me,
And from the traps of contrivers¹ of lawlessness.

- 10 May the wicked ones each fall into his own nooses,
*fr*While I 'pass by altogether.

Contemplating, Davidic
 'When He *b*was' in the Cave, A Prayer

- 142 With my voice am I crying out to Yahweh;
 With my voice am I supplicating to Yahweh.
 2 I am pouring out my concern before Him;
 My distress am I telling before Him.
 3 'When my spirit droops' *on*within me,
 +Then it is You Yourself Who knows my tracks;
 In the path that I am walking,
 They have buried a snare for me.
 4 'I look~*Q* to the right, and 'I 'see~*Q*,
 +Yet there is no one recognizing my need;
 Hope of fleeing has perished from me;
 There is no one caring for my soul.
 5 I cry out to You, O Yahweh;
 I say, You are my Refuge,
 My Portion in the land of the living.
 6 Do attend to my appeal,
 For I am exceedingly impoverished;
 Rescue me from my persecutors',
 For they are tougher *f*than I.
 7 'Bring my soul forth from this enclosure
 To acclaim 'Your Name;
 The righteous shall compass about 'me,
 For You shall deal bountifully *on*with me.

A Davidic Psalm

- 143 O Yahweh, hear my prayer;
 Do 'give ear to my supplications;
 In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness.
 2 + O do not 'enter into judgment 'with Your servant,
 For no' living one at all can be 'righteous before You.

- 3 For the enemy¹ has persecuted my soul;
 He has crushed my life to the earth;
 He has ^cmade me sit in utter darkness like the eonian dead.
- 4 + My spirit is drooping ^{on}within me;
 In my midst my heart is ¹dejected.
- 5 Yet I remember the days ^f aforetime;
 I soliloquize ¹upon all Your deeds;
¹Upon the ^{7d}works^s of Your hands am I meditating.
- 6 I spread forth my hands to You;
 My soul looks to You like a fainting land.
- Interlude
- 7 Quickly answer me, O Yahweh; my spirit is ^{all}exhausted;
 O do not ¹conceal Your face from me,
 +Or I would become comparable
 with descenders¹ to the crypt.
- 8 ^cLet me hear of Your benignity in each morning,
 For I trust in You;
^cLet me know that way I should go,
 For I lift up my soul to You.
- 9 Rescue me from my enemies¹, O Yahweh;
 To You I ^mlook for cover.
- 10 Teach me to do what is acceptable to You,
 For You are my Elohim;
 May You guide me with Your good spirit in an upright land.
- 11 For Your Name's sake, O Yahweh, may You revive me;
 In Your righteousness, may You ^cbring my soul forth
 from distress.
- 12 + In Your benignity may You efface my enemies¹;
 And You will destroy all the foes¹ of my soul,
 For I am Your servant.

Davidic

- 144 Blessed¹ be Yahweh, my Rock,
 'Who is teaching my hands for the attack,
 My fingers for the battle,
- 2 My Benignity and my Fastness,

- My Impregnable Retreat and my Deliverance¹ for me,
 My Shield; + in Him I take refuge,
 The One ^cbringing down ^othe peoples^{~cs} under me.
- 3 O Yahweh, what is a human
 +that You should acknowledge him,
 A son of a mortal +that You should ^mtake account of him?
- 4 A human is like ' a transitory breath,
 His days like a passing shadow.
- 5 O Yahweh, stretch out Your heavens
 +that You may descend;
 Touch ⁱ the mountains +that they may smoke.
- 6 Make lightning flash +that You may scatter them;
 Send Your arrows +that You may discomfit them.
- 7 Put forth Your hands from the height;
 Set me loose and rescue me from the great waters,
 From the hand of a foreigner's sons,
- 8 Whose mouth speaks hypocrisy,
 And their right hand is a false right hand.
- 9 O Elohim, let me sing a new song to You;
 'On a zither of ten strings let me make melody to You,
- 10 'Who are giving salvation to kings,
 'Who are setting loose 'His servant David
 from the vicious sword.
- 11 Set me loose and rescue me
 from the hand of a foreigner's sons,
 Whose mouth speaks hypocrisy,
 And their right hand is a false right hand:
- 12 ^wThat our sons be like plants ^mgrown great¹ in their youth,
 Our daughters like cornerposts sculptured¹
 as in palace style,
- 13 Our garners be filled with harvested¹ crops
 from one sort to every sort,
 Our flock become thousands¹, ten thousands¹
 in our open places,
- 14 And our domestic animals strong for ^mbearing burdens¹
 There will be no breaching of walls,
 And there will be no going forth in defeat;

- + There will be no fearful yelling in our squares.
 15 Happy is the people for whom it is thus;
 Happy is the people whose Elohim is Yahweh.

A Davidic Praise

- 145 I shall exalt You, my Elohim the King;
 + Let me bless Your Name for the eon and further.
 2 In every day I shall bless You;
 + Let me praise Your Name for the eon and further.
 3 Great is Yahweh, and praised^l exceedingly,
 And as to His greatness there is no fathoming.
 4 May one generation laud Your ^dworks
 to another generation,
 And of Your masterful deeds may they tell.
 5 On the honor glorious of Your splendor
 And the words of Your marvelous^l works let me meditate.
 6 + The strength of Your fear inspiring deeds
 may they ^{sq}affirm,
 And Your great achievements let me relate.
 7 The remembrance of Your great goodness, may they utter,
 And in Your righteousness may they be jubilant.
 8 Gracious and compassionate is Yahweh,
 Slow to anger and with great benignity.
 9 Yahweh is good to all,
 And His compassions are over all His ^dworks.
 10 May all Your ^dworks acclaim You, O Yahweh,
 And let Your benign ones bless You.
 11 The glory of Your kingdom, may they ^{sq}affirm,
 And of Your powerful mastery may they speak,
 12 To ^cmake known His masterful deeds
 to the sons of humanity,
 And the glorious honor of His kingdom.
 13 Your kingdom is a kingdom for all the eons,
 And Your dominion ⁱfor every generation
 + after generation.
 7Faithful^l is Yahweh in all His words,
 And benign in all His ^dworks^{Qcs}.

145:13 7 Qcs Faithful' . . . ^dworks: MT omits, but this completes the acrostic; Q reads Elohim rather than Yahweh.

- 14 Supporting is Yahweh 'all 'who are falling
And is making erect 'all 'who are bent' down.
- 15 The eyes of all ^mplace 'hopefulness 'on You,
And You are giving 'them 'their food in its season,
- 16 Opening 'Your hand
And satisfying 'every living creature with benevolence.
- 17 Righteous is Yahweh in all His ways,
And benign in all His ^dworks.
- 18 Near is Yahweh to all calling on Him,
To all who are calling on Him in truth.
- 19 Benevolence for those fearing Him is He ^dproviding,
And 'their imploring is He hearing and is saving them.
- 20 Guarding is Yahweh 'all who are loving Him,
+Yet 'all the wicked shall He exterminate.
- 21 The praise of Yahweh, may my mouth speak,
And may all flesh bless His holy Name
For the eon and further.

146 Praise Yah.

- Praise 'Yahweh, O my soul.
- 2 Let me praise Yahweh 'throughout my life;
Let me make melody to my Elohim 'through all my future.
- 3 Do not 'trust in patrons,
In a son of humanity 'with whom there is no salvation.
- 4 His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return to his ground;
In 'that day his reflections perish.
- 5 Happy is he who has the El of Jacob 'as his Help;
His hopefulness is set on Yahweh his Elohim,
- 6 ^dMaker' of the heavens and earth,
'The sea and 'all ^wthat is in them,
The Guardian' of truth for the eons;
- 7 He is the One ^dexecuting right judgment
for those being exploited,
The Giver' of bread to the famished,
Yahweh, letting loose those who are bound',
- 8 Yahweh, unclosing the eyes of the blind,
Yahweh, making erect those who are bent' down,
Yahweh, loving those who are righteous,
- 9 Yahweh, Guardian' 'over the sojourners;

The orphan and the widow shall He bolster up,
 +Yet the way of the wicked shall He overturn.

- 10 Yahweh shall reign for the eon,
 Your Elohim, O Zion, for generation +after generation.
 Praise Yah.

147 Praise Yah.

- 'Indeed it is good to make melody' to our Elohim;
 'Indeed it is pleasant to make comely praise.
- 2 Yahweh is building up Jerusalem;
 He is collecting together the expelled' of Israel,
- 3 The One healing ' the broken' heart
 And binding up ' their grievous wounds;
- 4 The One counting the number 'of stars,
 He is calling ' them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and vast in vigor;
 As to His understanding, there is no enumeration of it.
- 6 Yahweh is bolstering up the humbled ones,
 Abasing the wicked ^{fr}to the earth.
- 7 Respond to Yahweh 'with acclamation;
 Make melody to our Elohim 'with the harp,
- 8 The One covering the heavens 'with thick clouds,
 The One preparing rain for the earth,
 The One sprouting grass on the mountains,
- 9 Giving its nourishment to the beasts,
 To the raven's young ^wwhen they should call.
- 10 Not in the horse's mastery is He delighting;
 Not in the legs of a man is He placing approval;
- 11 Yahweh is placing approval 'in those fearing Him,
 'In 'those waiting for His benignity.
- 12 Laud 'Yahweh, O Jerusalem;
 Praise your Elohim, O Zion,
- 13 For He has fortified the bars of your gates
 And has blessed your sons ⁱ within you.
- 14 The One ^pgiving peace in your territory,
 He is satisfying you with the fat of wheat;
- 15 The One sending His ^{sa}command to the earth,
 His word is running ^{fr} quickly;
- 16 The One giving snow like wool,

- He is dispersing hoarfrost like ashes,
 17 Flinging down His ice like morsels of bread;
 "Who can 'stand before His cold blast?
 18 He is sending His word and 'melts them;
 He is reversing His wind, and the waters 'flow.
 19 He is telling His words to Jacob,
 His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
 20 He has not done so for any other nation,
 And ⁷His^c ordinances, they do not know them at all.
 Praise Yah.

148 Praise Yah.

- Praise 'Yahweh from the heavens;
 Praise Him in the heights.
 2 Praise Him, all His messengers;
 Praise Him, all His hosts.
 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
 Praise Him, all stars of light.
 4 Praise Him, heavens of the heavens,
 And the waters ^wthat are above the heavens.
 5 May they praise 'the Name of Yahweh,
 For He Himself determined, and they were created.
 6 + He ^cmakes them 'stand for the future, for the eon;
 He has ^eset down a statute, and it shall not pass away.
 7 Praise 'Yahweh from the earth,
 Sea monsters and every abyss,
 8 Fire and hail, snow and fume,
 Tempestuous wind, ^dperforming His word,
 9 Mountains and all hills,
 Fruit trees and all cedars,
 10 Wild animal and every domestic beast,
 Reptile and winged bird,
 11 Kings of the earth and all national groups,
 Chiefs and all judges^l of the earth,
 12 Choice young men and virgins ^{mr}too,
 Old men along with youths.
 13 May they praise 'the Name of Yahweh,
 For an Impregnable^l Retreat is His Name, His alone;
 His splendor is over the earth and heavens;

- 14 + He has raised up a horn for His people,
Praise for all His benign ones,
For the sons of Israel, a people near Him.
Praise Yah.

149 Praise Yah.

- Sing to Yahweh a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the benign ones.
- 2 May Israel rejoice in its ^dMaker;
May the sons of Zion exult in their King.
- 3 May they praise His Name in chorus;
'With tambourine and harp may they make melody to Him.
- 4 For Yahweh is placing approval 'on His people;
He is making the humble beautiful 'with salvation.
- 5 May the benign ones be joyous in this glory;
May they be jubilant upon their beds.
- 6 May exaltations of El be in their throat
And a serrated sword in their hand,
- 7 To ^dexecute vengeance 'on the nations,
Corrections 'on the national groups;
- 8 To bind their kings 'with manacles
And their glorious nobles 'with fetters of iron,
- 9 To ^dexecute the written judgment 'against them,
This is the honor 'of all His benign ones.
Praise Yah.

150 Praise Yah.

- Praise El in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His powerful atmosphere.
- 2 Praise Him in accord with His masterful deeds;
Praise Him according to His vast greatness.
- 3 Praise Him 'with the blowing of a trumpet;
Praise Him 'with zither and harp.
- 4 Praise Him 'with tambourine and in chorus;
Praise Him 'with lute and shepherd's pipe.
- 5 Praise Him 'with resounding cymbals;
Praise Him 'with shouting cymbals.
- 6 May all that has breath praise Yah.
Praise Yah.